

# Quarte City News

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## Knott's Berry Farm

**Wednesday, April 16**

Leave Duarte City Hall at 9:00 am  
Return to Duarte City Hall at 7:00 pm  
Registrations begin Monday, March 10th  
Fee is \$28

## Duarte Rotary Club - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

**Saturday, April 19**

7:30 - 9:30 am  
Duarte Community Center  
1600 Huntington Drive  
Tickets: \$4 for adults; \$2 for children 10 and under

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 19**

Begins at 10:00 am SHARP!  
Beardslee Park and Royal Oaks Park  
Ages: 3 Categories: 3-4, 5-7 and 8-10 years old

**FREE!** After the breakfast, join us for lots of candy, prizes, fun and the Easter Bunny!  
There will be special prizes for children who find the Golden Eggs.  
No baskets or bags allowed.  
Parents are requested to stay off hunting grounds.  
(Children under 3 years old must be able to collect their own eggs.)



# SPECIAL CITYWIDE EVENTS

## Outdoor Spring Movie Nights!

**Friday, May 2**

Featured Movie: **Frozen**  
 Dinner at 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
 Movie at 7:45 pm

Beardslee Elementary School Park  
 1213 Kelwil Way

**FREE!**

**Includes Dinner!**

## Duarte Relay For Life

**Saturday, May 3 & Sunday, May 4**

24 Hour Event  
 9:00 am - 9:00 am  
 Northview Middle School  
 1401 Highland Avenue

## Outdoor Spring Movie Nights!

**Friday, May 16**

Featured Movie: **Monsters University**  
 Dinner at 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
 Movie at 7:45 pm  
 Maxwell Elementary School  
 733 Euclid Avenue

**FREE!**

**Includes Dinner!**

## Taste of Duarte!

**Wednesday, May 21**

5:00 - 8:00 pm  
 Westminster Gardens  
 1420 Santo Domingo Avenue



CITY OF DUARTE

*Outdoor!*  
**Spring Movies**

DINNER TIME:  
**6:00**

MOVIE TIME:  
**7:45**

**626  
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THINK Together

**QUESTIONS?**

DUARTE PUBLIC SAFETY | **FREE BBQ/POPCORN/ MOVIE** | BRING BLANKET/CHAIRS

**MAY 02**

Beardslee Park  
Next to Elementary School  
2000 Buena Vista St.  
Duarte CA

**Disney FROZEN**

**MAY 16**

Maxwell Elementary School  
733 Euclid Ave  
Duarte CA

**MONSTERS UNIVERSITY**

# 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, March 10**  
Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am – 6:00 pm

### By Phone

Begins **Tuesday, March 11**  
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 March 10 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.

## Youth Classes

### Ongoing Class

**FOLKLORICO CLUB** – Georgina Orozco will introduce the beautiful dances from Mexico. Get a good work out while learning the basic steps and techniques. This is a fun cultural class for boys, girls, and parents. **Hard soled shoes required. Register by the 7th of each month.**

Beginning	5-7	5:00-6:00 pm	Wed	ROP	\$10
Beginning	8-10	6:15-7:15 pm	Wed	ROP	\$10
Advanced	8+	7:30-8:30 pm	Wed	ROP	\$10

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
<b>AMAZING ARTS</b>	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. Instructor is Mayra Ramos.					
Beg.	7-10	4:00-5:00 pm	Mon	DP	3/24	\$30

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

TT	3-4	9:30-10:00 am	Sat	ROP	3/29	\$28
TT	3-4	10:00-10:30 am	Sat	ROP	3/29	\$28
Jrs.	5+	10:30-11:15 am	Sat	ROP	3/29	\$32

**CRITICAL READING AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION** 8-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.	9-14	5:30-6:15 pm	Fri	DP	4/4	\$79
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**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	3/26	\$35
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**HOMEWORK HELPER** 4 one-hour classes (\$55). Private tutoring for students grades K-12, all subjects, by appointment.

**KARATE FOR TOTS** 10-week session. This class is designed to develop eye-hand coordination, greater motor skills, as well as self-discipline and respect for others. Children will work on tumbling, coordination and basic techniques through playful games associated with karate. Instructors is Hedsson Jimenez.

Beg.	4-5	3:45-4:30 pm	Tue/Fri	ROP	3/25	\$75
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Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
<b>MATH WORKSHOP - ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY STUDIES</b>	8-week session. This class will help students better grasp the concepts of pre-algebra, algebra and geometry. Mathematical concepts and applications will be taught. \$10 supply fee payable to instructor at first class. Instructor provided by AGI Academy.					
Beg.	10-14	4:45-5:30 pm	Fri	DP	4/4	\$79

**MINI-PICASSOS** 8-week session. This exciting 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	Mon	DP	3/24	\$35
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**SKATEBOARDING LESSONS** 8-week course. 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 Maximillian Bushell.

Beg.	6-10	9:00-10:00 am	Sat	DSP	3/29	\$40
Beg.	11-14	10:00-11:00 am	Sat	DSP	3/29	\$40
Int.	6-14	11:00-12:00 pm	Sat	DSP	3/29	\$40

**TAP** 8-week session. This course will teach your child basic tap steps and combinations using foot movements and jazz elements. Student required to wear tap shoes. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

Beg.	2-4	2:30-3:00 pm	Wed	ROP	3/26	\$30
Beg.	5-16	3:00-3:30 pm	Wed	ROP	3/26	\$30

**TUMBLING** 8-week session. This fun program helps develop motor skills and self-confidence while emphasizing safety. Students may learn backward and forward rolls, cart wheels, hand stands, backbends, round-offs, and more. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

TT	3-4	3:30-4:00 pm	Thu	ROP	3/27	\$28
TT	3-4	4:00-4:30 pm	Thu	ROP	3/27	\$28
Jrs.	5-6	4:30-5:00 pm	Thu	ROP	3/27	\$28
Adv.	7-13	5:00-5:45 pm	Thu	ROP	3/27	\$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.	5-12	5:15-6:00 pm	Mon	DP	3/24	\$40
Beg.	5-12	5:15-6:00 pm	Mon	DP	4/21	\$40

## Adult Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
<b>BALLROOM DANCE</b> 8-week session. This class introduces the distinctive dance rhythms of Salsa, Hustle and Merengue. Basic steps and variations will be taught. A partner is suggested, but not required. Instructor is Oscar Penaloza.						
Beg.	18+	7:15-8:15 pm	Thu	ROP	3/27	\$35
<b>BELLY DANCING</b> 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	3/24	\$35
<b>BELLYFIT</b> – 10-week session. Instructor will introduce you to this holistic fitness system designed for women. It incorporates belly dance, African dance, Bhangra and Bollywood, followed by Pilates and yoga movements. Bring tennis shoes and a yoga mat. Instructor is Thea Komen.						
Beg.	18+	8:15-9:15 pm	Tue	ROP	3/25	\$50
<b>MINI BOOT CAMP</b> 10-week session. These 20-minute workouts consist of fast paced basic callisthenic exercises that help build cardio and strength. This is a great lunch break workout. Instructor is Shelly Amaro.						
All	18+	12:15-12:35 pm	Mon	FC	3/24	\$15
<b>POLYNESIAN DANCE</b> 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+	6:30-7:30 pm	Tue	DP	3/25	\$35
<b>TAI CHI KUNG</b> 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	3/24	\$35
<b>YOGA</b> 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	3/27	\$50
All	18+	8:00-9:00 am	Sat	ROP	3/29	\$50
<b>ZUMBA FITNESS</b> 10-week session. Zumba is a mix of body sculpting movements with easy to follow Latin dance steps. Each class consists of a warm-up, main routine, and cool down. This is an exciting fat burning class. Instructor is James Komen.						
Beg.	18+	7:15-8:15 pm	Tue	ROP	3/25	\$50

## Family, Youth, & Adult Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
<b>ADVANCED BALLET</b> – 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	3/29	\$56
Int.	5+	4:00-5:00 pm	Mon	ROP	3/24	\$56
Int.	2-4	6:45-7:15 pm	Fri	ROP	3/28	\$30
Int.	18+	7:30-8:30 pm	Fri	ROP	3/28	\$56
<b>COMPUTER SKILLS CHALLENGE</b> 8-week course. This class will challenge you and teach you useful tools to get ahead in school or at work through improved computer skills. Students will receive hands on practice in Microsoft Word and Power Point. Class is for beginners and experienced users who want to advance their computer knowledge. \$10 supply fee payable to instructor at first class. Instructor provided by AGI Academy.						
All	8+	5:30-6:15 pm	Fri	DP	4/4	\$79

## Family, Youth, & Adult Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
<b>CREATIVE CHESS</b> 8-week session. Chess is a fun game that helps develop minds to think, see clearly, focus, analyze and prioritize. Tournament level helps you improve through competition; prizes will be given. Register two or more at \$40 each. \$5 fee due to instructor for workbook. Instructor is Joachim Van Leeuwen.						
Tourn.	8+	6:30-8:30 pm	Fri	DP	3/28	\$50
All	8+	7:00-8:00 pm	Fri	DP	3/28	\$50
<b>GOLF</b> 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	RDGC	3/26	\$65
Int.	18+	7:00-8:00 pm	Wed	RDGC	3/26	\$65
Family	All	9:00-10:00 am	Sat	RDGC	3/26	\$65 ea.
<b>GUITAR</b> 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	3/26	\$55
Beg.	14+	7:00-8:00 pm	Wed	DP	3/26	\$55
<b>HIP-HOP DANCE</b> 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 Niesha Tucker.						
All	5+	5:00-5:50 pm	Mon	ROP	3/24	\$30
<b>KARATE</b> 10-week session. Karate offers an excellent workout, increasing flexibility and coordination. Universal Karate-do Association Shosei-kai. Instructor is Hedsson Jimenez.						
Beg.	6-10	4:30-5:30 pm	Tu/Fri	ROP	3/25	\$75
Beg/Adv.	11+	5:30-6:30 pm	Tu/Fri	ROP	3/25	\$75
<b>NEEDLE ART</b> 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	3:30-4:30 pm	Thu	DP	3/27	\$35
Beg./Int.	18+	4:30-5:30 pm	Thu	DP	3/27	\$35
<b>RACQUETBALL</b> 8-week session. Class will teach students the fundamentals of racquetball including scoring, serving, and body positioning. This is a great indoor sport that can burn up to 800+ calories per hour! Safety glasses, racquet and can of balls are needed. Instructor is Darrell Warren.						
Begi.	9+	9:00-10:00 am	Sat	FC	3/29	\$38
Adv.	9+	10:00-11:00 am	Sat	FC	3/29	\$38
<b>SEWING</b> 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	3/25	\$65
Beg./Int.	18+	11:30-2:00 pm	Sat	DP	3/29	\$65
<b>TENNIS</b> 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	DP	3/29	\$48
Youth Beg.	9-15	10:30-10:30 am	Sat	DP	3/29	\$48
Youth Int.	9-15	11:30-12:30 pm	Sat	DP	3/29	\$48
Adult	18+	8:15-9:15 am	Sat	DP	3/29	\$48

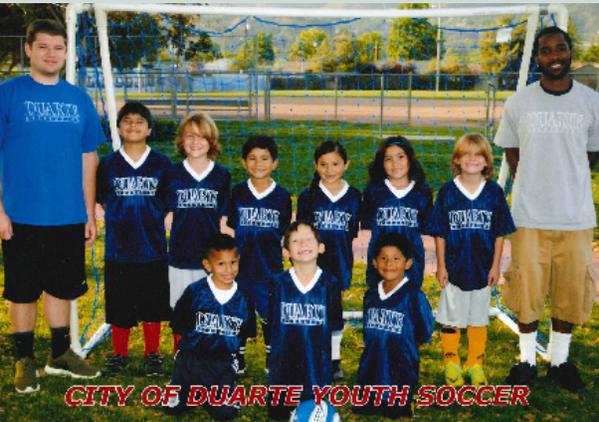
### Class Locations

DHS	Duarte High School
DP	Duarte Park
DSP	Duarte Skate Park
FC	Fitness Center
RDGC	Rancho Duarte Golf Course
ROP	Royal Oaks Park

Sign ups begin Monday, March 10  
at City Hall and supervised park sites

## Youth Recreation Mini-Soccer

Boys and girls are invited to participate in this fun youth sport played on a shorter field and with smaller goals. Participants will learn the fundamentals of soccer and sportsmanship.



**LEAGUES:**  
Separate boys and girls teams with 12 player roster limits.

- Division B – Born in 2002-2003 or Born in 2001 and in a grade no higher than 6th.**  
**Division C – Born in 2004-2005 or Born in 2003 and in a grade no higher than 4th.**

**Sign Up:** City Hall, Beardslee Park, Royal Oaks Park, Otis Gordon Sports Park, and Valley View Elementary  
**Registration Begins:** Monday, March 10  
**Practices begin:** Week of March 24  
**Fee:** \$30 (Includes a jersey top)

## Practice Sites

AD/Otis Gordon Sports Park	2351 Central Avenue
Beardslee Park	2000 Buena Vista Street
Royal Oaks Park	2627 Royal Oaks Drive
Valley View School	237 Melcanyon Road

## Little All Stars Soccer for Boys and Girls

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

**Dates** Introductory practice  
Practices & games will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays, April 5 through May 10

**Location** Otis Gordon Sports Park, 2351 Central Avenue  
**Ages** Group 1: Ages 4 & 5  
Group 2: Ages 6 & 7

**Sign Ups** Begin Monday, March 10 at Duarte City Hall  
**Fee** \$30 (Includes a jersey top)

## 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](http://www.mlsoftball.com)

## Supervised Park Schedule

Open Monday through Friday, 3:00 pm 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

## Park & Facility Rentals

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 80-person capacity multipurpose 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!

## Duarte Fitness Center

The Fitness Center includes a 25-yard competition pool, training pool, shower and locker facilities, two racquetball/wallyball courts, aerobic area and fully equipped exercise room including a Chest Press, Lat Pulldown, Arm Curl, Seated Dip, Shoulder Press, Seated Leg Press, Leg Extension, Seated Leg Curl, Hip Abductor and Hip Adductor, Stairmaster, Treadmills, Bikes, Ellipticals and more. The pools are available for private use on a rental basis. Contact the Fitness Center Manager for details. 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 additional information on any class or program, please contact the Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118.



## Club Membership Sale 20% Off March 23 - April 1

Why pay per visit? Purchase a membership to participate in lap swim, water aerobics and much more!

	Resident	Sale	Non Resident	Sale
Exercise/Aerobics & Aquatics	\$160	\$128	\$220	\$176
Exercise/Aerobics & 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

## Non-Member/Individual Fees

### Racquetball/Wallyball

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

### Exercise Room/Aerobics

Adults, 16 years and older	\$5
Senior/Handicapped	\$4

### Personal Trainer

By Appointment	\$30/hr.
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## Days and Times

Holiday Hours Subject to Change

### 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

### Aerobics/Zumba Schedule

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

**Zumba classes are held Wednesdays 5:15 pm**

## Spring Aquatics February 18 - June 15

### NEW! Lap Swim Pre Season Schedule

## February 18 - April 11

Monday - Friday  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

\*The pool will be closed for approximately 7 days (1 week) in March for the installation of new pool filters. Please check for dates.

## Swim Classes

Registration begins at 6:00 am for Duarte residents and 8:00 am for all others. Check with the Fitness Center for class schedules.

### Session I: May 5 – May 15

(Registration begins Monday, April 28)

### Session II: May 19 – May 30

(Registration begins Monday, May 12)

### Class Levels

Mommy, Daddy & Me; Tiny Tots; and Advanced Tiny Tots  
5 years and up: Red Cross Progressive Swimming Program, Levels 1-6

### Swim Team

Enrollment is limited. Sign-ups begin Monday, April 28. Practices are Monday - Thursday, 3:30-4:30 pm beginning June 16. Scheduled meets throughout the summer. Swim team fee is \$120.

### Regular Hours

Registration begins at 6:00 am for Duarte residents and 8:00 a.m. for all others. Check with the Fitness Center for class schedules.

### Lap Swim (Adults only)

Monday - Thursday	6:30 am – 8:00 am 11:30 am – 1:00 pm 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Friday	6:30 am – 8:00 am 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Sat., Sun. & Holidays	11:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Open Swim

Saturday & Sunday	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Spring Break (Monday, April 14 – Friday, April 18)	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

### Water Aerobics (May 1 – September 30)

Tuesday & Thursday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Saturday	9:30 am – 10:30 am

### Fees/Classes

Swim Lessons	\$30
Semi-Private	\$50
Private	\$70
Water Aerobics (per class)	\$5

Open and Lap Swim Youth (open swim only)	\$1
Adult	\$2
Senior/Handicap	\$1



# Teen Events & 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.

### Teen Excursion



### Movie/Mall Trip

Date: Thursday, March 6  
Time: 1:45 pm – 5:30 pm  
Fee: \$10

Come check out a new release movie and shopping at the mall. Trip includes transportation and movie ticket.



### Six Flags Magic Mountain

Date: Monday, April 14  
Time: Departs the Teen Center at 8:30 am and returns to the Teen Center at 7:30 pm  
Fee: \$34

Yes, we're headed to the Mountain for Spring Break fun at Six Flags! Sign up now space is limited.

## Upcoming Special Events

### Hip Hop Dance Classes (6 Week Sessions)

Date: March 10 – April 16  
(No classes on the 1st Monday and Wednesday of the month)

Days: Monday & Wednesday  
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Fee: \$20

Come learn the latest dance moves, hip hop techniques, meet new friends and showcase your talent!

### Cesar Chavez Essay Contest

Date: Entry Deadline Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 pm

Fee: Free  
Students grades 9-12 can compete in an essay-writing contest on why they are inspired by the life of Cesar Chavez. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

### Club Duarte (Middle School Students)

Dates: Friday, April 4  
Friday, May 16  
Time: 7:30 – 10:00 pm  
Fee: \$5

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

### Youth Employment Workshop

Date: Wednesday, April 9  
Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
Fee: Free!

Youth between the ages of 15-18 will participate in an employment workshop. The workshop will include tips on finding a job, gaining employment experience, resume writing, filling out job applications, interview tips, and how to be successful once you land a job. There will also be local employers on site to speak with the participants about employment opportunities. Please register in advance at the Teen Center. Space is limited!

### Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Date: Thursday, May 1  
Time: 3:30 pm  
Fee: \$1 for food

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Teen Center. There will be traditional Mexican food for all to enjoy!

### Summer Kick Off BBQ Graduation Party!

Date: Tuesday, June 3  
Time: 3:30 pm  
Fee: \$1

Enjoy cheeseburgers, chips, fresh fruit, and a beverage. Graduates eat free!



### 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 resident student. Non-resident fee is \$20 per month. Registration is held at the Duarte Teen Center. Call 303-0863 for more information.

## Activities

### Birthday Tuesday

On the first Tuesday of each month we'll celebrate the birthdays of all the teens registered at the Teen Center for that month. A small gift will be given to the teen and there will be cake for all.

### Boys Night Out!

Dates: Wednesdays – March 12 & 26, April 23, and May 14 & 28  
Time: 3:30 – 5:00 pm

This program is for boy's grades 9-12. Come join our club just for guys! Fun trips, group discussions, sports and much more!

### Drama Club

Date: Fridays  
Time: 3:30 – 5:00 pm  
Fee: Membership Fee \$5 every 6 months.  
Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisations.

### Girls Night Out!

Dates: Tuesdays – March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, and May 6 & 20  
Time: 3:30 – 5:00 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

Date: Wednesdays  
Time: 3:30 – 5:00 pm  
Fee: \$2 per class

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

### Work it Out

Date: Thursdays  
Time: 4:00 – 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.

## Duarte Senior Center

Open to seniors 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.

### FREE! How To Make Medicare Work For You

2nd Thursday and 4th Friday of the month by appointment.

### FREE! Blood Pressure Checks

2nd Tuesday of every month a nurse from HealthCare Partners will check your blood pressure.

## Activities

### Are You Beginning to Forget

#### Alzheimer's, the 21st Century Epidemic

Presented by Dr. Vincent Fortanasce

Date: Wednesday, April 2

Time: 1:00 pm

Alzheimer's is expected to affect 28 million people within the next 15 years. Studies indicate it can be prevented and if caught early enough may be reversed by a new therapy. Dr. Fortanasce a Yale, Cornell and USC trained physician and author of The Anti-Alzheimer's Prescription, a best selling book will discuss how to prevent and treat your loved ones who have the disease. Reservations requested by calling the Senior Center at 357-3513.

### FREE 2-PART LEGAL SEMINAR

Presented by: Sara Polinsky, Attorney at Law

#### Part 1: Estate Planning 101: The Basics of Wills & Trusts

Wednesday, April 23 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Topics covered: What is a Will...What is a Trust...What's the difference and which is right for you? Also: Probate, Powers of Attorney, Health Care Directives, Choosing Who's in Charge, Joint Tenancy, Tax Consequences, and much more will be discussed!

#### Part 2: Planning for Long Term Care: Understanding Medi-Cal Long Term Care Program, Getting help to pay for Nursing Home Care

Wednesday, May 21 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Topics covered: How to qualify for state Medi-Cal benefits to pay for long term care while legally protecting your home, savings and assets, brief overview of Reverse Mortgages, VA Benefits, Assisted Living vs. Home Care. Also: How to avoid recovery after death and when a trust is not enough. Current rules for eligibility will be explained, as well proposed changes. ATTEND AND FIND OUT WHAT OTHERS ALREADY KNOW ABOUT GETTING HELP TO PAY FOR NURSING HOME CARE. (If you have a family member, friend or loved one facing long term care, you cannot afford to miss this!)

Admission is FREE, but space is limited. Please call the center to reserve your space: (626) 357-3513

**Bingo** Tuesday, 12:30 – 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 per person

**Mexican Train Dominoes** Third Thursday of the month, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

**Movie Days** Two afternoons a month a top run movie is featured. FREE!

## AARP Smart Driver Course (8-hour course)

Dates: Tuesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 8  
Attendance is required at both sessions.

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

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

These classes are conducted by AARP 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.

## Ongoing Free Classes

<b>Cardio Dance</b>	Tuesday	9:00 – 10:00 am
<b>Ceramics</b>	Tuesday	9:00 – 11:30 am
Students must purchase their own supplies		
<b>English as a Second Language</b>	Tuesday	9:00 – 10:00 am
<b>Guitar</b>	Tuesday	1:00 – 2:30 pm
<b>Knitting</b>	Monday	9:00 – 10:00 am
<b>Spanish (Beg.)</b> \$10 disk fee	Monday	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Only students with some basic knowledge of Spanish will be accepted		
<b>Spanish (Adv. Beg.)</b> \$10 disk fee	Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00 pm
<b>Spanish (Int.)</b> \$10 book fee	Thursday	10:00 – 11:30 am
<b>Tai Chi/Qigong</b>	Mon/Fri	9:00 – 10:00 am
<b>Tennis</b>	Thursday	3:00 – 5:00 pm
Held at Encanto Park		
<b>Walking Group</b>	Wednesday	9:00 am
<b>Watercolor</b>	Monday	12:30 – 3:30 pm



**Registration begins  
March 10 at 9:00 am  
Classes begin  
the week of March 24.**

## Fee Classes (6-Weeks)

<b>Introduction To Computers</b>	Tuesday	12:00 – 12:45 pm	\$49
	Tuesday	1:00 – 1:45 pm	\$49
\$10 lab and supply fee			

## Fee Classes (8-Weeks)

<b>Art Appreciation</b>	Friday	9:00 – 10:15 am	\$40
<b>Chair Yoga &amp; Meditation</b>	Monday	12:30 – 1:30 pm	\$24
<b>How To Write Your Own Life's Story</b>	Monday	9:00 – 11:15 am	\$48
<b>Music Appreciation</b>	Friday	10:30 – 11:45 am	\$40
<b>Yoga</b>	Thursday	9:00 – 10:00 am	\$24

## Fee Classes (10-Weeks)

<b>Cross Fit</b>	Wednesday	10:15 – 11:15 am	\$12
<b>Exercise With Shelly</b>	Mon/Fri	10:15 – 11:15 am	\$20
<b>Get Fit</b>	M/W/F	10:15 – 11:15 am	\$27
<b>Piano/Keyboard (Beg.)</b>	Thursday	9:00 – 10:00 am	
<b>Piano/Keyboard (Int.)</b>	Thursday	10:00 – 11:00 am	\$50
\$10 book fee due to instructor.			
<b>Sewing</b>	Monday	12:30 – 2:00 pm	\$2/class
Limited to the first 6 people to arrive.			
<b>Strength Training</b>	Mon/Thu	1:00 – 2:00 pm	\$70
	Tue/Thu	1:00 – 2:00 pm	\$70
Held at the Duarte Fitness Center			
<b>Western Line Dance</b>	Thursday	10:15 – 11:45 am	\$35

## Adult Excursions

Registration for all excursions is held at Duarte City Hall beginning March 10 at 7:30 am  
We accept Visa and MasterCard for purchases over \$25.

### Cal Poly Culinary School, Kellogg House and Arabian Horses

Tuesday, April 22  
9:15 am – 4:00 pm  
\$54 (Lunch included)



In 1925 cereal magnate W. K. Kellogg purchased 377 acres in Pomona for his Arabian horse ranch and winter home. Because of Mr. Kellogg's love of nature, the house was placed on a hill to take full advantage of the Pomona Valley panorama. Our day begins with a guided tour of Mr. Kellogg's original home, which is over 8,700 square feet. Featured in the 1928 issue of Architectural Digest, the style of the house is a hybrid of architecture, which combined the formal courtyards, gardens, and elements of Spanish, Italian and Islamic architecture. Following the tour you'll head over to The Restaurant at Kellogg's Ranch where the menu changes regularly as students try new recipes and learn new cooking techniques. It's always a gourmet experience. After lunch we will walk through the barns to see the Arabian horses at the school's state-of-the-art equestrian center. A final stop at the campus fruit stand rounds out this fun day at Kellogg Ranch.

### Catalina Island

Thursday, May 15  
8:00 am – 9:30 pm  
\$60 (Meals and tours on your own)



Come to Southern California's island paradise for a wonderful day of memory making. After a short drive to Long Beach, you will board the Catalina Express for a one-hour cruise to the island. These vessels offer indoor and outdoor seating, restroom facilities and a snack bar. Though it's usually an easy, comfortable cruise, come prepared for motion issues. Once on the island the day is yours to explore, dine and shop all on your own. Choose a glass bottom boat cruise, Avalon scenic tour, under sea tour, behind the scene casino tour, Skyline drive tour or even a zip line tour.

### Pechanga Casino

Wednesday, June 18  
10:30 am – 6:30 pm  
\$15 (Must be 21 years of age or older. Upon arrival receive \$5 in play or Bingo money. Meals on your own)



Try your luck at Pechanga Casino. A vast 200,000+ square foot gaming floor makes Pechanga California's biggest casino. Designed with player comfort in mind, the casino is equipped with a state-of-the-art air filtration system and offers extensive nonsmoking areas. The casino's well-planned layout makes it easy to move among more than 3,000 state-of-the-art slot and video machines and over 130+ table games. The casino offers bingo from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. A valid California driver's license or ID is required. Expired licenses or IDs will not be accepted.

## Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly to Launch Two Outreach Programs at Library



Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly has a long history of involvement in Duarte schools as both a volunteer and in her longtime job as an instructional aide at Valley View Elementary School. Thus, it's no surprise that the recently appointed Mayor has decided to expand her educational outreach to the community's children, parents and residents in general by hosting two new monthly programs at the Duarte Library.

On Tuesday, February 4th at 4:30 pm, the Mayor will launch "Literacy and Learning with Mayor Liz" at the Duarte Library. For the first 15 minutes of the hour-long program, the Mayor will read to the children, followed by a 15-minute craft project provided and taught by the Library staff. The last half hour will be devoted to taking questions from the parents in attendance.

Mayor Reilly will also host a "Coffee and Conversation with the Mayor" program sponsored by Sweet Nothings Cake Shop on the fourth Saturday of each month. This casual conversation with the Mayor provides residents with an opportunity to ask questions and speak to the mayor one-on-one in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. The programs will be held in the Community Room of the Duarte Library beginning February 22nd from 10 am to 11 am. The Duarte Library is located at 1301 Buena Vista St.

For additional details about these upcoming programs with Mayor Liz Reilly, call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

## Duarte's Promise Announces Annual Red Wagon Scholarship

Dedication to the community will be honored by Duarte's Promise; The Alliance for Youth as it kicks off its annual Red Wagon Scholarship recruitment process in April. Four winners will be recognized with \$250 scholarships on Thursday, June 5, 2014 from both Duarte High and Mt. Olive Schools as part of the annual Duarte High School Senior Breakfast.



Red Wagon Scholarships are given to both male and female graduating seniors who embrace community service both on and off campus, as well as possess strong academic skills. This year's sponsors is Nissan of Duarte. For more information, please contact Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.



## Duarte and Bradbury Celebrate Earth Day

Duarte and Bradbury will honor Earth Day 2014 with a variety of joint community volunteer projects starting at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 12, including planting trees and drought tolerant plants, and cleaning up the various trails throughout both communities.

Some 70 volunteers including teens from the Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.), Cardinals Helping Youth Live Life (CHYLL), Teen Nutrition Council, and Share Mentoring Program, will participate in the day's activities which include breakfast, lunch, greetings from Mayors of both Cities, crafts, and much more

The community Earth Day project is made possible through the support of sponsors, the City of Duarte, the City of Bradbury, Burrtec Waste Industries, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. For more information, or to volunteer, call Duarte's Promise; The Alliance for Youth at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

## Community Clean-up Day April 12th



Duarte will hold its bi-annual Duarte Community Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 12, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Duarte's licensed trash hauler, Burrtec Waste Industries, will provide two convenient drop-off locations in the City where residents can dispose of large refuse items and E-waste: Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive, and the former Buena Vista Pavilion property at 2144 Buena Vista Street.

For more information about how to participate in the Duarte Community Clean-up Day, call Duarte City Hall (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

## Taste of Duarte

Mark your calendar for Duarte's premier event, the Duarte Chamber of Commerce Taste of Duarte and Business Expo, featuring over 70 local restaurants and businesses on May 21, 2014 at Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Avenue from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

The popular band "Chico" will be providing live entertainment along with great food, raffles, wine tasting, networking, new car models, and more. For information and tickets, call (626) 357-3333 or visit [www.TasteofDuarte.com](http://www.TasteofDuarte.com).

## Budget Process Announced

The fiscal year 2014-15 budget preparation process is underway at City Hall. The annual City Council budget workshops are scheduled for May 5th and May 6th at 5:00 pm. Both workshops are open to the public and will take place in the Community Center located at 1600 Huntington Drive. For more information, contact the Administrative Services Department at (626) 357-7931, ext. 211.

## Duarte Relay for Life May 3rd & 4th at Northview Middle School

Cancer never sleeps and neither will participants of the 24-hour long Relay for Life event to be hosted by the City of Duarte and the American Cancer Society on May 3rd and 4th on the campus of Northview Middle School, 1401 Highland Avenue.



Participants of the 5th Annual Duarte Relay for Life will honor cancer survivors and pay tribute to lives lost by the disease, while striving to raise \$30,000 to help fight cancer in the community. Last year, more than 16 teams participated, raising more than \$26,000 for the fight against cancer.

Teams will maintain a 24-hour community presence, camping out overnight on the field at Northview Middle School. The event will feature food, games, tributes and fellowship, with every penny earned going toward cancer research. The City of Duarte is sponsoring a youth team consisting of representatives from Duarte's Promise; The Alliance for Youth, Northview's Cardinals Helping Youth Live Life (C.H.Y.L.L.), and Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.), who are gathering donations by selling "Feet" and Luminaries which represent people who have been diagnosed, died, or have beaten cancer.

For more information about how to start a team, join a team, or volunteer, contact Chairperson Sheryl Lefman at (626) 375-9027 or by email at [slefmann@outlook.com](mailto:slefmann@outlook.com).

## Cesar Chavez Volunteer Day 2014

The annual Cesar Chavez Volunteer Project, sponsored by Duarte's Promise; The Alliance for Youth and Westminster Gardens, will kickoff at 9:00 a.m. on the 32-acre campus of Westminster Gardens located at 1420 Santo Domingo in the City of Duarte. A continental breakfast and lunch provided by Westminster Gardens, and bottled water donated by Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, will keep volunteers well fed and refreshed as they complete a variety of beautification projects on the campus. LULAC will also be providing tasty snacks throughout the day to hard-working volunteers.



The tenth annual volunteer project will involve a series of beautification projects throughout the campus. For more information, call Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth at Duarte City Hall, (626) 357-7931, ext. 221 or email [herrerakaren@accessduarte.com](mailto:herrerakaren@accessduarte.com)

## Duarte State of the City

Duarte Mayor Liz Reilly will present her assessment of the "State of the City" at a Mixer on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 presented by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and the City of Duarte. The event will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive. Tickets to the Mixer are \$10 per person. For more information and/or reservations, call the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, (626) 357-3333 or buy tickets on-line at [duartechamber.com](http://duartechamber.com) under the Events section on the homepage.

## Duarte Launches Business Walk Program



Not content to sit on its laurels, Duarte, named the Most Business Friendly City in Los Angeles County under 60,000 population in 2012, is taking new steps to ensure business retention and satisfaction. In collaboration with the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, the City launched its Business Walk Program on January 30 to empower the business community, and to cultivate and develop relationships with business owners.

A Business Walk team of representatives from the City, Duarte Chamber, Chamber Outreach Committee, and the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership,

met with businesses to share resources, offer assistance, or to simply say hello. The program kicked off with visits at the Lewis Business Park, an area that houses nearly 100 businesses, including distribution centers, wholesalers, and major suppliers to the medical industry.

For more information about the Business Walk Program, call the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931 ext. 221 or Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333.

## Ready, Set, Go!

The nationally recognized Ready Set Go! Emergency Preparedness Program helps residents be Ready with preparedness understanding, be Set with situational awareness when fire threatens, and to Go; acting early when a fire starts.

Launched nationally <http://www.wildlandfirersg.org/index.cfm> in March 2011, the program's main objective is to promote personal responsibility and preparedness long before the threat of a wild land fire reaches you so that your home is ready in case of one. For a complete overview of the program's three-step process, visit <http://www.wildlandfirersg.org>



## Employee Spotlight

### *Peggy Diamond Recreation Supervisor*



Peggy Diamond has been with the City of Duarte for 29 years, serving in the Parks and Recreation Department. Peggy is primarily responsible for supervising the daily operations of the Duarte Senior Center. In this capacity, she plans and facilitates recreational activities, parties, excursions, special events, classes, sports activities, lectures, a wide variety of classes, and a very popular lunch program.

During her years with the City, Peggy has especially enjoyed working with seniors. Peggy, who has a degree in Gerontology, loves when seniors come to the center to enjoy a class and make new friends. "It is so nice to create a place where so many people can enjoy their life after retirement," says Peggy.

When not at work, Peggy enjoys camping with her family. She also enjoys spending time watching her sons' tennis matches - she is their biggest fan!

## SBDC in Duarte

Since last summer, Duarte City Hall has been housing a satellite office of the Small Business Development Center hosted by Pacific Coast Regional (PCR-SBDC) every Thursday.



Funded by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) and grants, the office offers assistance, by appointment, to local businesses in the areas of strategic planning, financial software and social media training, business plan development, and more.

For more information or to book an appointment, please call (866) 301-9989 or by email at [contact@pcrcorp.org](mailto:contact@pcrcorp.org)

## SNAP: Specific Needs Disaster Voluntary Registry

The Specific Needs Disaster Voluntary Registry Program is designed to facilitate the planning and implementation of disaster response by first responder agencies to persons living in LA County with specific needs such as physical or developmental disabilities.



Enrollees are not prioritized for first consideration or evacuation. However, responding agencies do use this information to maximize planning and response resources. Enrollment in the program is completely voluntary and should be updated on a regular basis. To enroll, please visit <https://snap.lacounty.gov/>

## Youth & Family Committee Meetings

Every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Duarte Community Center. All meetings are open to the public.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** If you are interested in serving on the Committee or a Task Group, please call (626) 357-7931.

### *Roxanne Breceda Administrative Secretary*

Roxanne Breceda has been with the City of Duarte for nine years. She currently serves as the Administrative Secretary, providing administrative support to the Assistant City Manager and the divisions for Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Transit.



Roxanne is dedicated to providing quality service to the community and appreciates seeing new and familiar faces at City Hall. "Everyday is a blessing to be able to work alongside a great team and wonderful people," says Roxanne; adding that she also loves the small town atmosphere and the beautiful view of the San Gabriel Valley Mountains.

Roxanne is an optimistic person and thrives on seeing the extraordinary in the ordinary. She is also an avid artist and from time to time, enjoys couponing, and bodybuilding. Lastly, she enjoys spending time with her husband and embarking on new adventures.



*"Enhancing the quality of life through education, and community participation."*



## Dog Vaccinations June 14



In cooperation with VET CARE, the Duarte Public Safety Office has scheduled the annual low cost Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, June 14, from 8:00 am -10:00 am. The clinic will be held at Duarte Park, adjacent to the Teen Center.

Rabies vaccinations will be available for \$8 each, microchip registration for \$40, and other vaccinations will also be available upon request.

You will also be able to purchase your Duarte dog licenses

Duarte requires dog licenses to be renewed each year on June 1.

### Dog/ Cat Licensing Fees:

One Year, unaltered \$48

One Year, spayed/neutered \$25

Senior citizens, 65 years and older, are eligible for one free dog license if the pet is spayed or neutered.

**A \$50 late penalty will be added to the cost if the license is purchased after September 2.**

Although cats are not required to have licenses in Duarte, cat owners may purchase a license to help ensure the return of your furry friend should it become lost. Cat licenses fees are \$25 if spayed or neutered, and \$48 for non-neutered cats.

Remember, all dogs over the age of four months must be vaccinated for rabies to comply with State law. With the foothills in our back yard, the chance of your dog having contact with local wildlife is great. Don't hesitate...Vaccinate!

Dog and cat licenses can be purchased at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive, or at the Public Safety Office located in the Target Shopping Center, 1042 Huntington Drive. For more information, call (626) 357-7938.

## Holiday Toy Drive A Success!

Duarte Neighborhood Watch and Duarte's Promise worked throughout the holiday season to brighten the holidays of over 700 children, thanks to generous contributions from the community.

Toys were delivered to the Duarte Community Service Council – an all-volunteer organization in partnership with the Duarte Emblem Club and the Duarte Elks. These organizations have served the community for over fifty years.

Duarte's Promise also delivered toys to the Foothill Unity Center who helps Duarte families during the holidays and all year long.



The City of Duarte Public Safety Department would like to thank all block captains, residents, and volunteer organizations for their work and dedication to our community this holiday season. Special thanks to all the participating Neighborhood Watch Blocks!



## You are Invited to Dinner & a Movie



Grab a blanket and bring the whole family for a **free** night out of dinner and a movie courtesy of Duarte Public Safety. Enjoy a scrumptious BBQ dinner, then snack on fresh popcorn while you enjoy an outdoor family movie on a 30 ft. screen with fellow Duartean.

### Mark your calendar!

Frozen  
**Friday May 2**  
Beardslee Park,  
2000 Buena Vista St.,  
next to Beardslee Elementary School  
Dinner 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Movie 7:30 pm

Monsters University  
**Friday May 16**  
Maxwell Elementary School,  
132 Euclid Avenue, cross street Mountain Avenue  
Dinner 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Movie 7:30 pm

Do not miss this opportunity to mingle with elected officials, chat with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies, and meet City staff.



Community non-profit organization Marvell West will serve ribs, hotlinks, and hot dogs, while LA County Parks and Recreation makes fresh popcorn.

Thanks to a public safety grant, this event is a collaborative effort brought to you by grant partner T.H.I.N.K.Together. For more information on how to participate, contact Aida Torres at a2torres@lasd.org, or call (626) 359-5671, ext. 316.

## Year In Review

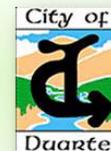
As we start off 2014, we would first like to thank all of our block captains, community volunteers, and members of the public for staying connected, supporting our crime prevention efforts, and helping us enhance the quality of life in our City.

Last year, Duarte saw the lowest Part 1 Crime in over 10 years, with an overall 19% decrease in violent and property crime, compared to 2012. These exceptional numbers are the result of prevention, intervention, and suppression efforts, combined with innovative community outreach, and a tremendous collaboration from our community leaders and residents.

Residents, specifically those involved with Neighborhood Watch, did a great job of keeping people informed of home burglaries and prevention methods. Home burglaries dropped from 72 to 55, compared to 2012, although there was a slight rise in burglaries and auto theft during the summer. The reason the numbers tapered off and decreased in most areas might be attributed to the arrests of penetrating burglary rings and crews. Even though there was a 34% overall decrease in reported violent compared to last year (from 53 to 35), we had a violent end to the year.

A young adult was murdered in late-December in the unincorporated adjacent County area of Duarte. This incident was followed by a violent gun assault of another man, and the murder of a male juvenile in the City of Duarte. This spike in gun violence is believed to be gang-related. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's homicide investigators have been working around the clock to solve these crimes and put the persons responsible behind bars. The City has increased Sheriff's patrols, and other security measures have also been taken. Aside from the homicide and non-forcible rape increase from one to two cases, there was also a 12.5% increase in other burglaries, which went from 32 to 36. Most of these burglaries comprise of retail crime.

### City of Duarte Part 1 Crime



	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Homicide	0	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Rape	8	3	1	2	1	0	1	4	5	1	2
Robbery	35	28	18	44	29	30	26	24	20	17	19
Assault	50	59	40	53	37	36	55	38	29	35	23
Residential Burglary	39	55	47	25	48	58	92	82	69	72	55
Other Burglary	56	58	73	61	71	73	45	29	34	32	36
Vehicle Burglary	61	123	72	119	97	82	98	78	55	64	54
Grand Theft	71	70	62	77	82	72	62	72	61	50	29
Auto Theft	72	132	113	91	85	72	79	84	70	77	63
Arson	2	4	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>282</b>

Statistician Sonja Tanner

### City of Duarte Property Crime



Statistician Sonja Tanner

The Public Safety Realignment Act of 2012 will continue to impact us into 2014. County jails have reached capacity, and this creates a revolving door in the criminal justice system. Based on studies conducted in early-2013, an evidence-based crime prevention plan was created. The City of Duarte has entered a partnership with the City of Pasadena and the Flintridge Center in order to help reduce the recidivism rate and curtail criminal activity. This program is funded by a State grant, and will kick-off in 2014 and continue into 2016.

Gang-related violence will continue to be discussed with community leaders and City officials as the Community Mediation Team, the advisory body to prevention and intervention programs, will meet throughout the year. Staff, leaders, and City and County officials will continue to strive to find the best and least costly practices for a comprehensive approach to combat all violence, and to improve the quality of life for all in the City of Duarte and adjacent areas.

Your support means a lot to us, but what we value most is your willingness to participate in community events. A strong neighborhood makes all the difference in crime prevention efforts. Please continue to be vigilant, and call in all suspicious persons or suspicious behavior to Temple Station (626) 448-9861 or (626) 285-7171.

In closing, I would like to remind you that it is never too late to be prepared. Please take this time to prepare your homes and your families for emergencies. There are numerous websites that can help you get started, such as [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). We all hope to never face an emergency, but remember, "it's better to have it and not need it, than to need it and not have it." Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

**Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety**

## Hook'd and Book'd

On Wednesday, January 15, 2014, Deputy Lam was contacted by a female victim of kidnap and assault. The initial investigation led Temple Station Detectives to the suspect, who was identified as the victim's boyfriend and a documented San Gabriel Valley area gang member. Although neither the suspect nor the victim reside in Duarte, the attack began in a public parking lot in the City. Because Deputy Lam and Temple Detectives worked together, the suspect was arrested without incident, is now behind bars and awaiting court proceedings, and the victim has peace of mind.

Domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault cross ethnic, racial, age, gender, religious, national origin, sexual orientation, and socio-economic lines, and affect millions of Americans each year. Victims can call 911 and ask for an Emergency Protective Order. Victim compensation is also available through the California Victims of Crime Program at (800) 777-9229, or online at [www.boc.va.gov](http://www.boc.va.gov). The Safe At Home Program provides an address confidentiality program administered by the California Secretary of State's office that offers victims anonymity and a new start toward a brighter future free from fear. The number is (877) 322-5227, and the website is [www.sos.ca.gov/safeathome](http://www.sos.ca.gov/safeathome)

## 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. The harvest will be distributed to those in need at both the Duarte Senior and Foothill Unity Centers.

Harvesters can also stop by your home to receive fresh fruit that has already been picked. To request harvesters, call (626) 357-7938, or email [A2torres@lasd.org](mailto:A2torres@lasd.org).

## Bike and Skate Helmets, Only \$5!

The Duarte Public Safety Office, in partnership with the Duarte Elks Lodge, has affordable bike and skate helmets for sale. State law requires that all persons under 18 must wear a properly fitted helmet while operating a bicycle or non-motorized scooter, and when skating on a street, public bicycle path, or trail.

Duarte youth between 3-18 years of age qualify to purchase helmets for just \$5 at the Public Safety Office (located in the Target Shopping Center) every Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. All helmets will be properly fitted. A parent or guardian must accompany the child. Stay safe and avoid a traffic citation.

For more information, call (626) 359-5671 ext. 316 or email [A2Torres@lasd.org](mailto:A2Torres@lasd.org)

## How to 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](mailto:A2Torres@lasd.org) (all personal information is confidential)
2. Stay connected with neighbors and other residents in Duarte by visiting [www.nextdoor.com](http://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](http://www.accessduarte.com) and sign up for Enews.
4. Via Twitter, add the City of Duarte at @cityofduarte and Temple Sheriff Station @templasd
5. Visit [www.CrimeMapping.com](http://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 are 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](mailto:duartecrimetips@lasd.org)

## 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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## Public Safety Spotlight



*Deputy, Michael Scott*

The City of Duarte welcomes Deputy Michael Scott to our Special Assignment Team. Deputy Scott has ample experience and extensive training in violent crime suppression, gang diversion, and narcotics.

Deputy Scott began his assignment as Duarte's new gang expert in November 2013. However, he is no stranger to the Duarte area. For over two years prior to this assignment, he was part of Operation Safe Streets, working in the cities of Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte, and El Monte as part of the County Enforcement Team. His team made hundreds of arrests, recovered illegal weapons, served a number of warrants, and made a huge impact in preventing criminal activity from those on probation and parole.

In 2006, after completing the Rio Hondo Police Academy and receiving his Peace Officer Standards and Training Certificate, Deputy Scott joined the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, and worked at Los Angeles Men's Central Jail. After serving as a Watch Commander for the jail, he moved on to help with investigations and live line-ups for the Legal Detective Bureau. He worked closely with LAPD and other police agencies throughout Los Angeles County. Scott's interest in law enforcement grew after he joined the El Monte Police Department Volunteers Caring and Patrolling Program. Seeing the benefits of volunteering, he encourages all residents, especially young people, to become volunteers, as it can aid them in their career exploration.

Deputy Scott feels that community policing is extremely important, as it focuses on building ties and working closely with members of the community. All Duarte residents are encouraged to get involved, whether through Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers on Patrol, or by participating in community events. He reminds us that we all need to exercise our civic duty in order to improve our community. Scott adds, "I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve Duarte residents and provide us all with a safer community. Please give us a call and a specific reason to visit your neighborhood. Tell us about suspicious people and activity." Deputy Scott can be reached at (626) 357-7938 ext. 310.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## 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 Services*  
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 first 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

## Duarte City News Team

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Karen Herrera  
Pam Romero  
Cesar Monsalve  
Yesenia Serna  
Kristine Swart  
Aida Torres  
Brian Villalobos

## March

**Literacy & Learning with Mayor Liz**  
Tuesday, March 4  
4:30 pm  
Duarte Public Library

**Cesar Chavez Volunteer Day**  
Saturday, March 29  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Westminster Gardens  
1420 Santo Domingo Ave

**Duarte State of the City**  
Wednesday, March 19  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Duarte Community Center

**Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor**  
Saturday, March 22  
10:00 - 11:00 am  
Duarte Public Library



## April

**Literacy & Learning with Mayor Liz**  
Tuesday, April 1  
4:30 pm  
Duarte Public Library

**Duarte Community Clean-up Day**  
Saturday, April 12  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Duarte City Hall & former Buena Vista Pavillion Property

**Earth Day**  
Saturday, April 12  
9:00 am  
Duarte Teen Center

**Knott's Berry Farm**  
Wednesday, April 16  
9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Meet at Duarte City Hall  
Fee: \$28  
Registration begins March 10

**Duarte Rotary Club - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**  
Saturday, April 19  
7:30 am - 9:30 am  
Duarte Community Center  
Tickets: \$4-Adults \$2-10 & under

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, April 19  
Begins at 10:00 am Sharp!  
Beardslee & Royal Oaks Parks  
Ages: 3 Categories: 3-4, 5-7, and 8-10 years old  
Free!

**Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor**  
Saturday, April 26  
10:00 - 11:00 am  
Duarte Public Library

## May

**Literacy & Learning with Mayor Liz**  
Tuesday, May 6  
4:30 pm  
Duarte Public Library

**Dinner & a Movie Frozen**  
Friday, May 2  
Dinner 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Movie 7:30 pm  
Beardslee Park, 2000 Buena Vista St. (next to Beardslee Elementary)

**Duarte Relay for Life**  
May 3rd - 4th  
24 hr. Event  
9:00 am - 9:00 am  
Northview Middle School



**Dinner & A Movie Monsters University**  
Friday, May 16  
Dinner 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Movie 7:30 pm  
Maxwell Elementary School,  
132 Euclid Avenue

**Taste of Duarte!**  
Wednesday, May 21st  
5:00 - 8:00 pm  
Westminster Gardens  
1420 Santo Domingo Avenue

**Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor**  
Saturday, May 24  
10:00 - 11:00 am  
Duarte Public Library

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