

Quarte City News

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Santa's Mailbox

November 25 through December 12

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. Santa will also accept letters via email: santa@accessduarte.com. All letters will be forwarded to the North Pole and Santa will write back!

Holiday Tree Lighting and Fiesta

Tuesday, December 3

6:30 – 8:00 pm (Actual tree lighting at 8:00 pm)

Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Drive

\$6 for a complete tamale dinner



Begin the holiday season with this fun family event at the Duarte Senior Center. Activities include musical performances featuring cultural dancers, carolers, and a few surprises. A traditional tamale dinner including two tamales, rice, beans, chips and a soda will be served. Santa Claus will be in town! Children can play games and make holiday crafts! Visit with Santa at the Holiday Tree Lighting and Fiesta!

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

Saturday, December 7

8:00 – 11:00 am

Duarte Community Center, 1600 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.



Santa's Visits to Beardslee and Royal Oaks Parks

Wednesday, December 11

Beardslee Park from 2:45 – 3:15 pm
Royal Oaks Park from 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Santa will visit and hand out candy canes to all children!



Santa's Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 11

4:00 – 5:30 pm
Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive
5 - 12 years of age

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

Holiday Lights Free Exchange – At Santa's Party, SCE customers can exchange an incandescent holiday light string for an LED string at no cost. To get your longer lasting, energy saving LED holiday lights, stop by December 11 from 4:00-5:30 pm at Santa's Party. Presented by the SGV Council of Governments.

Santa's Hotline

Tuesday, December 17

3:00 – 5:00 pm

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



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 2**
Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am – 6:00 pm

By Phone

Begins **Tuesday, December 3**
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 2 will be returned)

Class Locations

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

Refund Policy: No refunds or transfer of fees unless the class is cancelled by the department.

Note: Small children may not remain in adult classes during instruction periods. Parents of children in classes will be allowed to observe the first and last class of the session only. Classes are subject to change.

Youth Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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. Instructor is Mayra Ramos.						
Beg.	7-10	4:00-5:00 pm	Mon	DP	1/6	\$30

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

TT	3-4	9:30-10:00 am	Sat	ROP	1/11	\$28
TT	3-4	10:00-10:30 am	Sat	ROP	1/11	\$28
Jrs.	5+	10:30-11:15 am	Sat	ROP	1/11	\$32

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

Beg.	9-14	4:45-5:30 pm	Fri	DP	1/10	\$49
Beg.	9-14	4:45-5:30 pm	Fri	DP	2/21	\$49

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	1/8	\$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 Sean Gilliland.

Beg.	4-5	3:45-4:30 pm	Tue/Fri	ROP	1/7	\$75
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MATH WORKSHOP - ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY STUDIES 6-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.	9-14	4:00-4:45 pm	Fri	DP	1/10	\$49
Beg.	9-14	4:00-4:45 pm	Fri	DP	2/21	\$49

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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	1/6	\$35

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.

Beg.	6-10	9:00-10:00 am	Sat	DSP	1/11	\$40
Beg.	11-14	10:00-11:00 am	Sat	DSP	1/11	\$40
Int.	6-14	11:00-12:00 pm	Sat	DSP	1/11	\$40

TAP 8-week session. This 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	ROP	1/8	\$30
Beg.	5-16	3:00-3:30 pm	Wed	ROP	1/8	\$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	1/9	\$28
TT	3-4	4:00-4:30 pm	Thu	ROP	1/9	\$28
Jrs.	5-6	4:30-5:00 pm	Thu	ROP	1/9	\$28
Adv.	7-13	5:00-5:45 pm	Thu	ROP	1/9	\$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	1/6	\$40
Beg.	5-12	5:15-6:00 pm	Mon	DP	2/3	\$40

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

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	1/11	\$56
Int.	5+	4:00-5:00 pm	Mon	ROP	1/6	\$56
Int.	2-4	6:45-7:15 pm	Fri	ROP	1/10	\$30
Int.	18+	7:30-8:30 pm	Fri	ROP	1/10	\$56

COMPUTER SKILLS CHALLENGE 6-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	1/10	\$49
All	8+	5:30-6:15 pm	Fri	DP	2/21	\$49

CREATIVE CHESS 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	1/10	\$50
All	8+	7:00-8:00 pm	Fri	DP	1/10	\$50

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. Instructor is Alex Quintana.

Beg.	18+	6:00-7:00 pm	Wed	RDGC	1/8	\$65
Int.	18+	7:00-8:00 pm	Wed	RDGC	1/8	\$65
Family	All	9:00-10:00 am	Sat	RDGC	1/11	\$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	Thu	DP	1/9	\$55
Beg.	14+	7:00-8:00 pm	Thu	DP	1/9	\$55

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 Niesha Tucker.

All	5+	5:00-5:50 pm	Mon	ROP	1/6	\$35
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KARATE 10-week session. Karate offers an excellent workout, increasing flexibility and coordination. The instructor is Sensei Sean Gilliland and Hedsson. Universal Karate-do Association Shosei-kai.

Beg.	6-10	4:30-5:30 pm	Tu/Fri	ROP	1/7	\$75
Beg/Adv.	11+	5:30-6:30 pm	Tu/Fri	ROP	1/7	\$75

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	3:30-4:30 pm	Thu	DP	1/9	\$35
Beg./Int.	18+	4:30-5:30 pm	Thu	DP	1/9	\$35

RACQUETBALL 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	1/11	\$38
Adv.	9+	10:00-11:00 am	Sat	FC	1/11	\$38

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

Beg./Int.	8+	3:30-6:00 pm	Tue	DP	1/7	\$65
Beg./Int.	18+	11:30-2:00 pm	Sat	DP	1/11	\$65



Adult Classes

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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BALLROOM DANCE 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	1/9	\$35
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BELLY DANCING 8-week session. Strengthen your back and stomach muscles, improve your flexibility, stamina, and reduce tension by learning this ancient art of dancing. Instructor is Tavanna.

Beg.	18+	7:10-8:10 pm	Mon	ROP	1/6	\$35
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BELLYFIT – 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	1/7	\$50
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MINI BOOT CAMP 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	1/6	\$15
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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+	6:30-7:30 pm	Tue	DP	1/7	\$35
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NEW! TAI CHI KUNG 8-week session. This class will cover a combination of isolated exercises that may help with joint problems. Participants will learn basic breathing techniques for stress relief through the use of yoga and incorporate CHI HULA, which adds an island twist. All movements are slow and easy on the body. Bring a mat and water. Instructor is Tavanna.

Beg.	18+	6:00-7:00 pm	Mon	ROP	1/16	\$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	1/9	\$50
All	18+	8:00-9:00 am	Sat	ROP	1/11	\$50

ZUMBA FITNESS 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	1/7	\$50
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Adult/Youth Sports

Youth Sports

Sign ups begin Monday, December 2 at City Hall and supervised park sites



Basketball

- Division A** Born in 2000 - 2001
- Division B** Born in 2002 - 2003
- Division C** Born in 2004 - 2005

Sign Ups

Monday - Thursday at City Hall and all park sites beginning December 2

Fee

\$30 (Includes a Jersey Top)

Separate boys and girl's leagues provide children with a fun and exciting experience. Practices begin January 6, 2014.

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	Start date to be determined.
Location	Northview Gym, 1401 Highland Avenue
Ages	Group 1: Ages 4 & 5 Group 2: Ages 6 & 7
Sign Ups	Begin Monday, December 2 at City Hall
Fee	\$30 (Includes a Jersey top)



Youth Boxing Program

This is an excellent program to help boys and girls ages 8-17, develop their self-esteem and self-discipline. Our knowledgeable coaches are here to teach the fundamentals of boxing, while developing footwork, speed, and upper body strength. The training program will also help children gain physical flexibility, stamina, and coordination. The Duarte Teen Center gym is open Monday through Friday. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each student. Non-resident fee is \$20 per month. Register at the Duarte Teen Center.

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

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 Fitness Center

The facility includes two racquetball/wallyball courts, aerobic area, and fully equipped exercise room, a 25-yard competition pool, training pool, shower and locker facilities, and is accessible for the disabled.

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 (626) 357-6118.



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 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! Rent one or more gazebos now!

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 (626) 357-7931.

Club Membership Sale 20% Off December 1-31

	Resident	Sale	Base	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

Days and Times

Holiday Hours Subject to Change

Holiday Hours of Operation

Closed	December 25, 26 & January 1
Open	December 24 & January 3 6:00 am – 12:00 pm

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 - 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

Zumba classes are held Wednesdays 5:15 pm

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 Training	\$30/hr.

Teen Events & Activities

Duarte Teen Center

1400 Buena Vista Street
(626) 303-0863

Monday - Friday, 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Holiday Schedule (Closed Dates)

December 24-26, 2013

December 31, 2013

January 1, 2014

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 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.

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 24. Space is limited and interviews will be held on January 29.



Teen Excursions

Knott's Berry Farm

Date: Friday, December 27

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 & Mall Trip

Date: Thursday, March 6

(DHS early release day)

Time: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Fee: \$10

Grab a friend and come enjoy a current movie! Movie title to be determined.

Upcoming Special Events

LA Fan Nights

Date: Friday, December 13

Time: 5:00 pm

Game: Lakers vs. OKC

Date: Friday, January 10

Time: 7:30 pm

Game: Lakers vs. Clippers

Date: Friday, February 21

Time: 7:30 pm

Game: Lakers vs. Celtics

The Duarte Teen Center will host LA Fan night! Join us for Laker Basketball on the big screen TV's, food and half time mini games! Wear a Laker t-shirt, hat, anything with Lakers on it and get free admission into the event! If you are not wearing Laker gear, admission is \$2 includes snacks!

Winter Holiday Festival

Date: Wednesday, December 18

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Fee: \$2

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

Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest

Student's grades 9 – 12 can compete in an essay-writing contest on why they are inspired by the life of Drive Martin Luther King Jr. 200 word minimum – 500 words maximum. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entry deadline is January 10 at 7:00 pm

Club Duarte (Middle School Students)

Dates: Friday, February 7

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.

Teen Cultural Awareness Training

Date: Wednesday, February 12

Time: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Fee: Free!

This activity-based training is designed for youth ages 14-18. Participants will explore cultural differences, discuss respecting and honoring diversity, and examine personal attitudes in regard to intolerance. Call the Teen Center 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 – December 4,
January 15 & 29, February 19

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 pm

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 – December 10,
January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25

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 tips! Come get fit with friends!

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

Holiday Schedule (Closed Dates)

December 25-27, 2013
December 30 & 31, 2013
January 1, 2014



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.

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 contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

Income Tax Preparation

Volunteer tax aides will prepare 2013 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.

Activities

- Bingo** Tuesday, 12:30 – 2:00 pm, \$0.25/card
Bunco 1st Wednesday of the month, 12:45 – 2:45 pm, \$1/person
Sponsored by the Duarte Woman's Club.
Win prizes and meet new people. RSVP to (626) 357-3513
Mexican Train Dominoes Third Thursdays of the month, 12:30-2:30 pm
Movies Twice a month, 12:45 pm. Please check for dates.

AARP Smart Driver Course

(8-hour course)

Dates: Tuesday and Thursday, January 28 and 30

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.

(4-hour refresher course)

Date: Tuesday, March 11

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

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

If you have already taken an 8-hour course in the last four years, then you are eligible to take the 4-hour refresher course



Ongoing Free Classes

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

Registration begins December 2 at 9:00 am
Classes begin the week of January 6.

Fee Classes (6-Weeks)

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

Fee Classes (8-Weeks)

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

Fee Classes (10-Weeks)

Cross Fit	Wednesday	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	Thursday	10:00 – 11:00 am	\$50
Sewing	Monday	12:30 – 2:00 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	Thursday	10:15 – 11:45 am	\$35

Adult Excursions

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Registration for all excursions is held at Duarte City Hall beginning December 2 at 7:30 am
We accept Visa and MasterCard for purchases over \$25.

Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple

Wednesday, January 22
9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Fee: \$31 (Lunch included)

Join us as we take a short drive to Hacienda Heights where we will tour the largest Buddhist temple in the western hemisphere. The temple was built at a cost of \$300 million. "Hsi Lai" translates to "coming to the west." The highlights of the tour include seeing the Meditation Courtyard, Buddha Hall, the Bodhisattva Hall, and museum. The little pagodas, beautiful flowers and Asian art are all explained on a docent-led tour. Following the tour we will enjoy lunch at a wonderful Asian buffet, and stop at a delicious bakery.



Fantasy Springs Casino



(Must be 21 years of age or older)
Wednesday, February 19
10:30 am – 7:30 pm

\$25 (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. A valid California driver's license or ID is required. Expired licenses or IDs will not be accepted.

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

Friday, March 14
7:30 am – 6:30 pm
Fee: \$36 (Lunch on your own)



The day begins with a lovely drive north to Carpinteria, where we'll visit an exotic working nursery nestled in the green foothills of the Carpinteria Valley. You will get to talk with the growers and purchase some of the unique blooms to take home. Next we will stop in downtown Santa Barbara to have lunch on your own at one of the many eateries. Then we're off to the 69th Annual Orchid Show. This year's show promises to be one of the best and brightest ever with more than 60 exhibitors displaying hundreds of orchid varieties from all over the world. You'll see beautiful flower arrangements, orchid themed table settings and ongoing demonstrations about orchid culture. There will be orchids available for sale.

Adult Extended Excursions Yosemite & Sequoia

5 Days Departing May 5, 2014
\$1,146.00 per person double occupancy
Single supplement is an additional \$341
\$200 deposit required

Highlights include: 10 Meals, Lunch at the Ahwahnee, Sugar Pine Railroad, Yosemite National Park, Sequoia National Forest, Kings Canyon National Park.

Special Travel Presentation

On Tuesday, January 14, at 2:00 pm at the Duarte Senior Center, there will be a preview of the sights and attractions participants will enjoy on the trip.



Northern National Parks

8 days, 11 meals
(7 breakfasts and 4 dinners)
September 5-12, 2014
Fee: \$1,999 – per person
(based on double occupancy)
\$2,499 – (single occupancy)

(Includes hotel accommodations and round trip airfare from LAX.)
Highlights: Salt Lake City, Jackson Hole, Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful, Grand Teton National Park, Park City

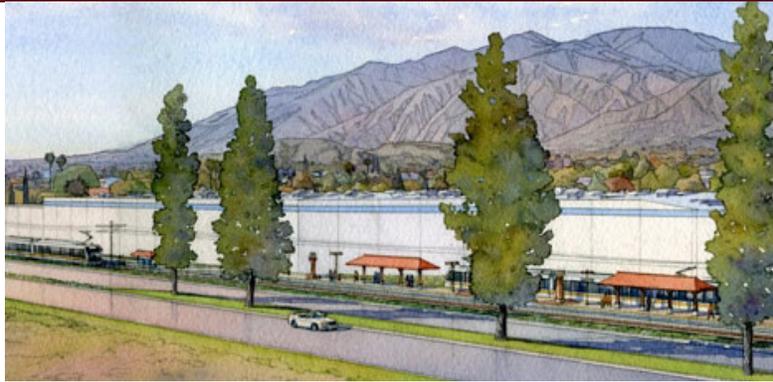
Special Travel Presentation

On Thursday, January 16, at 1:00 pm at the Duarte Senior Center, there will be a preview of the sights and attractions participants will enjoy on the trip.

Flyers with detailed information are available at City Hall Parks and Recreation Department and at the Duarte Senior Center.

We accept VISA and MASTERCARD for purchases over \$25.

NO REFUNDS: *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.*



City Council to Consider Adoption of a Mixed Use Transit Village at the Future Gold Line Station

The City Council will be considering adoption of the Duarte Station Specific Plan and related Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at its November 26, 2013 meeting. For several years, the community has been looking forward to the arrival of the Gold Line and has desired to take advantage of the opportunity by developing a plan for a mixed-use transit village near the future Duarte station.

After months of work, community meetings, and hearings by the Planning Commission, the specific plan has been completed. The proposed plan covers the 19 acres directly adjacent to the station, generally, on the northwest corner of Duarte Road and Highland Avenue. The area is currently occupied by three large industrial buildings. The proposed specific plan would allow those buildings to stay until they are purchased for development and would allow the area to be developed with residential, office, commercial, and hospitality uses. While there is no guarantee that development would occur immediately, the new zoning would allow a future transit village adjacent to the Gold Line station that, when open in early 2016, will provide greatly increased regional transportation opportunities.

The plan's purpose is to ensure new development next to Duarte Station that is compatible with existing properties, encourage economic stimulus in the southern portion of the community, transform the project area into a mixed use transit village to create a sense of place through quality architectural guidelines, and enhance access to regional public transportation.

Additional information on the Duarte Station Specific Plan and EIR can be found on the City's website, www.accessduarte.com, at City Hall, Duarte Public Safety Office and the Duarte Public Library.

Changes to Duarte Post Office Minimally Affect Residents

Some changes in the operation of the Duarte Post Office are expected to impact local patrons minimally as the United States Postal Service continues to implement ways to save money and consolidate services. Beginning October 26, Duarte postal carriers will start and end their workdays at the Monrovia Post Office, 225 S. Ivy Avenue, instead of the Duarte Post Office. No closure of the Duarte Post Office is planned. Post office boxes, window clerks, package mailing, stamp purchasing and other lobby services will continue to be available at the Duarte Post Office, 1210 Highland Avenue



The only change for Duarte customers will be the need to travel to the Monrovia Post Office, 2.9 miles away, if a customer receives a notice to pick up a package or is picking materials from a vacation hold. Other than the absence of mail vehicles at the Duarte Post Office, any noticeable changes will be minor.

Win a \$500 Block Party from Nextdoor



Want to win a \$500 block party for your neighborhood? Here's how you can do it. To promote increased membership in Nextdoor.com, the private social network for Duarte neighborhoods, the City and Nextdoor.com are co-sponsoring a membership contest now through December 31.

Neighborhoods that increase membership by a set target, based on current membership, will win the \$500 block party grand prize. A total of 13 Duarte neighborhoods are already taking advantage of the opportunity to connect with their neighbors through the Nextdoor network. More than 600 residents have signed on as members of their neighborhood website.

For additional information about Nextdoor, visit www.accessduarte.com and click on the Nextdoor icon, or contact the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext 221.

Youth Summit set for February 22, 2014

The Cities of Duarte and Monrovia will co-host their annual Duarte/Monrovia Youth Leadership Summit on Saturday, February 22, 2014. The event will take place from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm at Monrovia High School, 845 W. Colorado Blvd., Monrovia. Registration is free. To register, please call Marilyn Mays at (626) 303-0863 or contact by email at maysm@accessduarte.com

AQMD Air Monitoring Equipment

Duarte and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) will keep close tabs on the amount of unhealthy particulate matter released into the air once Vulcan Materials Company resumes mining on Van Tassel Ridge this winter. Monitoring instruments will be installed adjacent to Valley View Elementary School in Duarte, situated directly below the mining site.

The monitoring system will provide continuous monitoring and hourly averages of PM10, particulate matter that are between 2.5 and 10 micrometers in size (25 to 100 times thinner than a human hair). The byproduct of crushing and grinding rocks and soil, PM10 is blown by the wind and can stay in the air for minutes or hours, and travel as little as 100 yards or up to 30 miles. Inhalation of PM10 particles poses a danger to respiratory health because it can lodge deep in the lungs. AQMD will provide real time reporting of preliminary data that will be made publicly available via the City's website. The District, and City are currently finetuning these technical aspects.

The AQMD has committed to installing and operating the system at its own expense for the first twelve months. The City will then take over the costs of the station's maintenance and operation while transitioning the tasks to an AQMD approved consultant.

2013-14 Mid-Year Budget Process

The 2013-14 mid-year budget presentation is scheduled for the January 28th City Council meeting at 7:00 pm. The presentation will be part of the regularly scheduled meeting and will take place in the Community Center located at 1600 Huntington Drive. For additional information, contact the Administrative Services Department at (626) 357-7931, ext. 211.

Duarte State of the City set for March 19th

The next Duarte Mayor will present their 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 under the Events section on the homepage.

Duarte Remembers Martin Luther King Jr.



A major theme in the life of the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., was to urge people to join hands and work together for positive change. For the thirteenth year, Duarte youth, members of both the City Council and School Boards, along with other community members will honor King's legacy during a special assembly at the Duarte Performing Arts Center. This event will take place in January 2014 at the Duarte Performing Arts Center. The event will consist of great speakers, performances, and the announcement of the annual MLK Essay contest.

Along with the remembrance, the City and the Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley will also conduct a beautification event at the newly renovated Northview Intermediate campus during the same week. For information on either events, contact Duarte's Promise at 626 357-7931, ext. 267, or visit www.accessduarte.com

Groundhog Job Shadow Day



More than 150 Duarte students and businesspersons will have the opportunity to spend a day learning and sharing about a variety of careers during the 12th annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day slated for February 6, 2014.

The program, sponsored by the Duarte Unified School District, Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth, and the City of Hope, allows students to shadow adult mentors as they go about their normal work day in numerous careers including banking, healthcare, politics, education, and journalism, among others.

For more information or to participate, please contact Duarte's Promise at (626) 357-7931, ext 267.

Health Care Reform/Affordable Care Act

Want more information on Health Care Reform? The Health Insurance Exchange is now open. Visit www.healthcare.gov or call (800) 318-2596.

City Facility Holiday Hours of Operation

City Facilities and Duarte Transit Services will be closed on the following dates:

Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25th
Furlough Closure	Thursday, December 26th
New Year's Eve	Tuesday, December 31st
New Year's Day	Wednesday, 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.



Employee Spotlight



Kristine Swart, Accounting Specialist



Kristine Swart, has been with the City of Duarte for 17 years, serving in the Administrative Services Department as an Accounting Specialist. She is primarily responsible for processing invoices and business licenses, in addition to assisting the public at the Administrative Services counter.

During her years of service, Kristine has especially enjoyed the great co-workers she serves with and also loves that Duarte is close to the foothills where she is able to take advantage of the beautiful scenery. As an avid walker, Kristine utilizes the Royal Oaks trail regularly for walks during her lunch break.

When not at work Kristine enjoys spending her time boating, reading, taking trips on her motorcycles and spending quality time with her daughter.

Teesha Tarr, Recreation Supervisor

Recreation Supervisor Teesha Tarr has worked for the City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department for 24 years. Teesha's main focus is maintaining a safe and clean environment for the patrons that use the Duarte Fitness Center and pools. She also supervises and trains approximately 30 part time staff as well as coordinates special events.

What Teesha enjoys most about working for the City is being able to interact with the residents of Duarte on a daily basis. "There is nothing like swimming a child across the deep end of the pool for the first time! I truly enjoy building relationships with coworkers, staff, and Fitness Center members." She also likes that the City of Duarte is the City of Health, offering many parks, programs and activities for residents of all ages.

Teesha is a very athletic and competitive person. She enjoys boating at the river with friends, her husband, and her 15-year-old son Michael, playing sports of all kinds, especially skiing, hiking and playing racquetball at the Fitness Center.



SBDC in Duarte

Since late 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, etc. For more information or to book an appointment, call (866) 301-9989 or by email at contact@pcrcorp.org



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



Duarte Youth Color Life "Drug Free"



The City of Duarte celebrated its annual Red Ribbon Week event during October 19 - 25th. 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 all residents about the importance of a Drug Free Life.

After all their hard work the kids enjoyed THINK Together's Art Show, dance contest, and participated in a pumpkin patch at the Teen Center Special thanks

goes out to all participants, volunteers, and our sponsors Cabrera's Mexican Restaurant and Duarte Nissan. But most of all we want to thank the Red Ribbon Week coordinators at each of the schools who made sure everyone on campus got involved.

Elementary School Classroom Poster Winners: Andres Duarte: Ms. Gonzalez's, Mrs. Mitchell's, and Mrs. Frausto's Classes. Maxwell: Mr. Gil's Class. Royal Oaks: Ms. Odgen's Class. **Northview Intermediate School Art Contest Winners:** Leilani Munoz and Jose De Luna. **High School Essay Contest Winners:** First Place, Veli Macias; Second Place, Samantha Saldana; Third Place, Genaro Ramirez. **Mt. Olive High School Art Contest Winner:** Osvalda Torres.

The event was achieved through the Public Safety CAL G.R.I.P. grant and special partner T.H.I.N.K. Together.

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 5:00 - 6:00 pm. All helmets will be properly fitted. A parent or guardian must accompany the child.



Stay Safe and Avoid a traffic citation. Know the law! State law dictates that all persons under 18 cannot operate a bicycle, a nonmotorized scooter, skateboard, or roller skates on a street or public bicycle path or trail unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened helmet. For more information, call (626) 359-5671, ext. 316 or by email at a2torres@lasd.org

Duarte's Promise and Neighborhood Watch Team to Launch Annual Holiday Giving Programs

The City of Duarte would like to invite the public to take part in one of the City's two ways of ensuring a joyous holiday season for all Duarte families. For



twelve years, Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth has conducted 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 businesses collect food, toys, and personal care, clothing and household items at over 50 locations throughout the City. Last year, approximately 2500 cans, boxed foods, 1100 toys, school supplies, and 175 personal care items were collected. Participating facilities include all DUSD Schools, City Facilities, New Life Assembly of God and the City of Hope who will be collecting from Monday, November 25 through Monday, December 13th.



The other City program is The Neighborhood Watch Toy Drive that encourages residents to give through neighborhood parties. The drive creates the perfect opportunity to have a gathering, get to know your new and long time neighbors, collect for those in need while sharing neighborhood

information. Last year, the program brightened the lives of over 500 underprivileged youth. Deputies can also attend your gathering and collect toys while providing important information on the Citywide Neighborhood Watch program.

City staff will pick-up the food and gift items from Holiday of Promise sites on December 10th & 11th then delivering to both the Duarte Community Services Council and the Foothill Unity Center for distribution to families. For more information and to find out the locations of participating sites accepting Holiday of Promise donations, contact: Duarte's Promise at City Hall, (626) 357-7931 ext 267. For more information on how to organize your own Neighborhood Watch Party, please contact Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671 or at a2torres@lasd.org

Adopt- A-Block A Success



The City of Duarte Public Safety Department would like to thank the over 500 residents in the Lena Valenzuela Park area of Duarte and adjacent unincorporated areas who, with the help of 30 hard working volunteers from Torre de Alabanza (Tower of Praise) Christian Church youth ministry, D.A.R.T., and Duarte's Promise, filled up over 18 trash bins and helped beautify our community. Special Shout Out to our Sponsors Burrtec Waste Inc. and J & J Catering.

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, please call (626) 359-5671, ext. 322 or email at a2torres@lasd.org

Sheriff's Station Is Catching Up with the Times

Visit Us On The Web
Like us on Facebook
Follow Us On Twitter

www.temple.lasd.org
www.facebook.com/TempleSheriffsStation
[@temlasd](https://twitter.com/temlasd)

To receive more detailed up-to-date information (including community announcements and emergency alerts) directly from Temple Sheriff's Station via email and text, register for "Nixle" alerts at www.accessduarte.com. Just click on the Nixle icon and you will be taken directly to the Temple Station page to register for your subscription at no cost.

Hook'd & Book'd Indoor Marijuana Grow Bust

Early Monday morning on August 19, a resident called about suspicious persons entering a business in the 1500 block of Highland Avenue. Deputies and Aero Bureau personnel arrived at the location and using F.L.I.R (Forward Looking Infrared) noticed unusually high heat coming from inside the building. They then observed three men exiting the rear of the location, who were detained by the deputies.

Continuing their investigation, deputies entered the location to conduct a protective sweep, and observed approximately 100 mature marijuana plants (as well as 100 clones) growing throughout the building.



Narcotics Detectives were notified and responded to the scene. A search warrant was issued and the plants, as well as approximately \$5,000, were recovered during the investigation. The seized plants have an estimated street value of \$6,000 to \$10,000.

Keep your neighborhood crime free! Report crime or suspicious activity! You may contact the Duarte Public Safety Office at (626) 357-7938 Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm. If incident does not occur within business hours, please contact Temple Sheriff Station at (626) 448-9861. You may also contact Sergeant John Carter at the Duarte Department of Public Safety at, (626) 359-5671, ext. 304. You may also leave an anonymous tip by simply calling the Sheriff Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline (626) 359-5671, ext. 462.

Holiday Safety Tips

The Duarte Public Safety Department and Los Angeles Sheriff Department would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and remind us all to take extra precautions during this festive time of year. Remember, criminals don't take a holiday.

While Holiday Shopping:

- Park your vehicle in a highly visible well-lit space.
- Lock your vehicle both when driving and when parked. Leave bags and valuables out of sight.
- Always know where you are parked so you can find your vehicle quickly.
- Have your car keys in hand and be ready to open 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 that 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 get your mail while out of town.
- Use automatic timers for your lights.
- Stop your mail and newspaper deliveries.
- Notify the Duarte Public Safety Office 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, pocket your card and leave immediately.
- Be ready for ATM transactions and have your card ready before arriving at the ATM. Watch for any 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.
- Always make arrangements with neighbors or relatives if you know you won't be home when a package arrives.
- 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.

Always remember that gasoline and alcohol don't mix. DUI/Driver License checkpoints will help to keep us all safe during the holidays. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

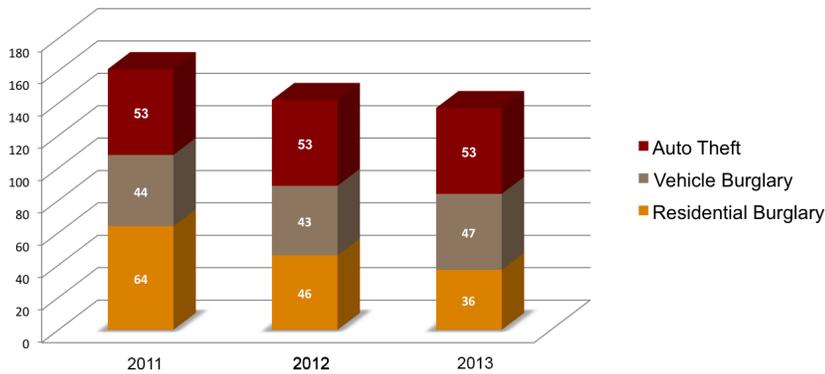


Duarte's Crime Report

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Temple Station reported that the City of Duarte had a 29% percent drop in Part 1 Crimes as of August 2013, when compared to last year. Temple Station Captain Nee said, "Our City was the one with the most significant decrease out of the station's five contract cities (including Temple City, Rosemead, South El Monte, and Bradbury)." Duarte has the highest drop in major crimes this year.

Property Crime Chart

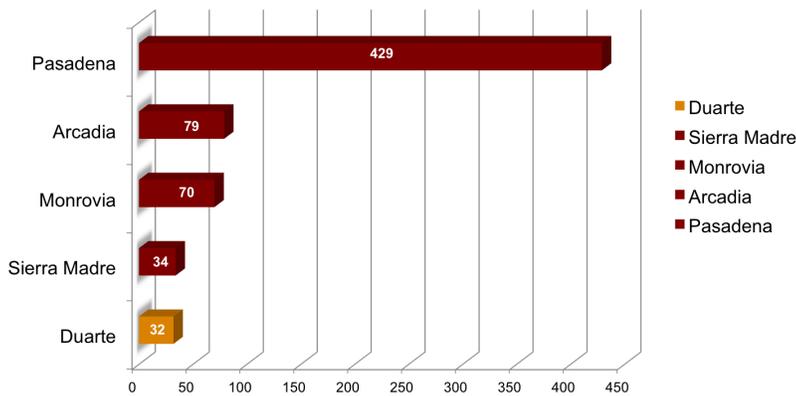
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A 43% decrease in home burglaries in only two years tells experts that current crime prevention efforts are working. More residents have gotten involved in Neighborhood Watch and the new on-line outreach through e-mail alerts and private social network www.nextdoor.com.

Residential Burglaries in Neighboring Cities

January - September



Director of Public Safety Brian Villalobos thanks our residents as Duarte stands with the lowest number of break-ins in the area. He adds that we know that residents are following the safety tips and calling in suspicious persons. However, as 2013 comes to an end, we need your help to help catch more criminals and continue to be one of the safest cities in the valley.

Car thefts and burglaries continue to be an issue. Always lock your car and use a car alarm system. Never leave valuables in your vehicle even if they are not in plain view. If possible, park in the garage or near a motion sensor light. To learn more about how to get involved in Neighborhood Watch or connect via email or online with your neighbors, please call Duarte's Crime Prevention Specialist Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671, ext. 316.

Duarte Sub Station's Sergeant Carter would like to remind residents that most burglars are caught when someone calls in a suspicious person or vehicle. If You See Something, Say Something! Always make the call to Temple Station at (626) 285-7171. Be extra vigilant this holiday season and be our eyes and ears. It is a cliché but it's also very true that crime prevention begins at home.

Public Safety Spotlight

Community Service Officer, Michael Smith



As one of two Community Service Officers (CSO), Michael Smith is a tremendous asset to Deputies serving the City of Duarte. For almost a year, Smith has been relieving the heavy workload of deputies by assisting with parking

control and writing non-workable reports on traffic collisions, burglaries, vandalism, stolen vehicles, and assisting at special events. This allows deputies more time to address higher priority issues in our City.

Having grown up in neighboring Monrovia, Smith is familiar with the area. Smith comes from a long line of law enforcement officers, which has given him first-hand knowledge on the field. He is currently in his third year of studies of Criminal Justice at Cal State San Bernardino, and naturally, his career goal is to become a police officer.

Smith's advice for residents is, If you see a vehicle that has been parked in front of your house or business, that looks out of place or has not been moved for a few days, give the substation or Temple station a call. Calls from residents to report abandoned vehicles on streets have led to the recovery of stolen vehicles.

Smith comments, he enjoys being a CSO because he works closely with deputies and Duarte residents, and is able to make a positive difference in the community.

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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Darrell George, *City Manager*
Kristen Petersen, *Assistant City Manager*
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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

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Kristine Swart
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Brian Villalobos

DECEMBER

Duarte's Promise & Neighborhood Watch Toy Drive Drop Off

November 1 - December 9
Monday - Thursday
7:30 am - 6:00 pm
City of Duarte
Sheriff Satellite Station

Santa's Mailbox

November 25 - December 12
Boys & Girls 10 and younger
Monday - Thursday
7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Duarte City Hall

Holiday Tree Lighting and Fiesta

Tuesday, December 3
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Tree Lighting 8:00 pm
Duarte Senior Center

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

Saturday, December 7
8:00 am - 11:00 am
\$4/adults
\$2/children under 10
Duarte Community Center

Santa's Visit to Beardslee & Royal Oaks Park

Wednesday, December 11
Beardslee 2:45 - 3:15 pm
R.O. Park 3:30 - 4:00pm
Duarte Senior Center

Santa's Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 11
4:00 - 5:30 pm
5-12 years of age
Duarte Community Center

Santa's Hotline

Tuesday, December 17
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Royal Oaks Park

JANUARY

13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Remembrance

Saturday, October 5
9:00 - 11:00 am
Performing Arts Center

FEBRUARY

Youth Summit

Saturday, February 22
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Monrovia High School
845 West Colorado Blvd
Monrovia, CA 91016

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