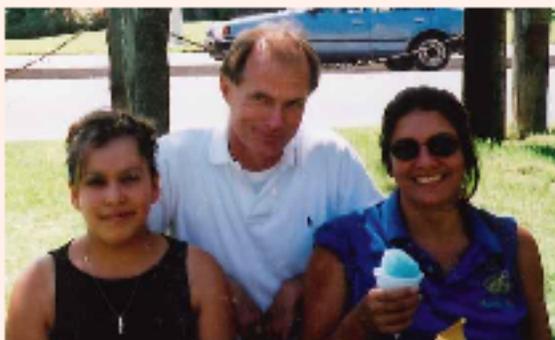


Duarte COMMUNITY News

Parks and Recreation Director Donna Georgino Retires

After working for 30 years with the City of Duarte, Parks and Recreation Director Donna Georgino will be retiring December 11, 2011. Georgino looks forward to doing things around the house, traveling, and spending time with her family. Georgino also plans on spending time volunteering for various organizations.

"Some of the people I love most in this world live in Duarte," said Georgino. Georgino would like to thank her fellow coworkers, people she has had the pleasure to work with, and those who



From L to R: Beatriz Mora, Neal Tyler, and Donna Georgino

have supported the department. The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for youth and adult sports, special events, recreation classes, and much more. One of Donna's greatest accomplishments was getting a series of competitive grants totaling approximately \$900,000 to fund the Duarte Teen Center built in 1997. "To this day, the building continues to be a great asset to the community and its youth," said Georgino.

The City of Duarte recently completed a 10-month Youth and Family Master Plan process, which Georgino oversaw. The committee's work developed a measurable Action Plan consisting of over 60 strategies to guide the City of Duarte, the Duarte Unified School District, community organizations, and others over the next five to ten years regarding youth and family programs, services, and facilities. Georgino continues to work with the Youth and Family Committee to improve the community.

The City of Duarte would like to thank Georgino for her time and dedication in the Parks and Recreation Department and her involvement within the community.

Edison to Make Repairs to Reduce Outages

Southern California Edison is aware that the City of Duarte has recently experienced a number of power outages. In July of 2010, SCE installed a few circuits at the Bradbury substation in Duarte to reduce outages resulting from excessive power demands on three existing circuits. While the new circuit has been working as intended, the number of power outages recently increased due to problems on an older section of the circuit that was not originally replaced.

Necessary upgrades have been identified and SCE crews have already started some of the repairs, and additional work is scheduled for the coming weeks. If your service address is scheduled for an outage related to this project, SCE will deliver notices in advance and will include a phone number for you to call if you have any questions. For more information visit www.sce.com/outage or call (800) 611-1911.

Employee Spotlight

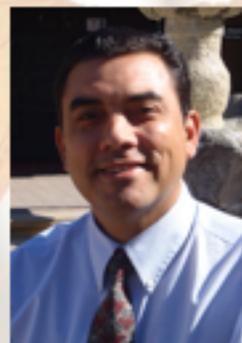
Code Compliance/Animal Control Officer **Larry Breceda** has been with the City of Duarte for eight years. He began as an Intern in the Parks and Recreation Department and progressed his way up. Officer Breceda patrols the City for stray, injured, and deceased animals. He also investigates "Quality of Life" concerns in relation to municipal code violations.



Knowing that he is giving back to the community which has helped him become the individual he is today is what Officer Breceda loves about working for Duarte. He also likes the small town atmosphere Duarte offers and the open invitation feel.

Hobbies of Officer Breceda include jet skiing, dirt bike riding, and playing baseball. An interesting fact about Officer Breceda is, "If it has a motor; I can ride it, drive it, and fix it."

Cesar Monsalve, Recreation Superintendent, has been with the City of Duarte for 20 years. Among his responsibilities, Monsalve assists in supervising the



Recreation Department Supervisors. He also oversees the Facilities Maintenance Division, which maintains Duarte's municipal buildings and restrooms, including City Hall's Town Center, outlying park buildings, and centers.

Monsalve coordinates special events throughout the year including all of the holiday events, and he oversees the Junior Olympics Track Program, the Duarte Nature Camp Program, and the Duarte Share Mentoring Program. Monsalve enjoys the City's scenic nearby foothills, the amount of parks and open space available, and the recreation centers. Monsalve also likes the welcoming atmosphere and friendliness this community offers. Most of all, what he loves about working for the City are his great co-workers within his department!

Monsalve is known for being an avid golfer, and his interests also include camping and bike riding. An interesting fact about Monsalve is he was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and is of Colombian descent. He would like to encourage residents within the community to become a Duarte Share Mentor!

Green Living Tip

As they say, grandma knows best! When you clean, fill a good bucket with hot water and a cleaning solution. Use gloves, a sponge or small towel, and other essential tools to clean areas around your home.

This keeps things portable and easy to wipe down. Doing this will make a big improvement, reduce the use of paper towels or disposable wipes, and will be big in savings.

Business Duarte Friendly



Congratulations City of Duarte for being selected by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) as a finalist for the 2011 Most Business Friendly City.

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9th Annual "Holiday of Promise"

Duarte's Promise – The Alliance for Youth will be launching its 9th annual "Holiday of Promise" program collecting food, toys, personal care, clothing and household items at numerous locations throughout the City for three weeks from November 21 through December 13. To become a Holiday of Promise location, please contact Duarte's Promise at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

"Get Back to Work" Job Fair

The City of Duarte and Duarte Chamber of Commerce will partner with Best Jobs Magazine on Tuesday, October 18 to host the second "Get Back to Work" event. Open to the general public and free, the event will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive, and feature some 15 to 25 employers. For information or if you are an employer who wants to participate, call the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931 or the Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333.



Part Two of the Duarte 210 Freeway soundwall project is well underway and should be completed by November 2011. The approximate 1/2 mile, 14 foot wall will run between Highland Ave and approximately 40-feet past the Duncannon bridge structure, at an approximate cost of \$2.3 million funded by Caltrans.

Mayor's Thanksgiving Breakfast

Save the Date! Don't miss the 26th annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast and 24th annual Duarte Chamber Community Service Recognition Award on November 23. The event will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium, 1500 E. Duarte Road.

Tickets are priced at \$10, or \$8 for children and seniors, and can be purchased at the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, City Hall or online at www.duartechamber.com starting in October. For information, call the Duarte Chamber at (626) 357-3333 or City Hall (626) 357-7931, ext. 266.



Community Clean-up Oct. 15

The City of Duarte is inviting all residents to participate on Saturday, October 15 in the bi-annual "Duarte Community Clean-up Day" and a county sponsored household hazardous & E-waste roundup. From 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., there will be two convenient drop-off locations in the City where residents can dispose of large refuse items and e-waste.

The locations are Duarte City Hall at 1600 Huntington Drive and the City of Hope's Buena Vista Pavilion at 2144 Buena Vista Street. The City of Hope's Buena Vista Parking will also be the location for a County sponsored household hazardous and e-waste collection. For information, call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221 or (888) CLEAN LA.

Duarte Candidate's Forum

Mark your calendar for the Duarte Candidate's Forum sponsored by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters on October 20, 2011, at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive.

The forum will occur in two different segments. From 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., candidates for the Duarte Unified School Board will be featured followed by the Duarte City Council candidates from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The forum is free and open to the public. For information, call the Duarte Chamber at 626 357-3333 or visit their website at www.duartechamber.com. Don't forget, Election Day is November 8, 2011.

Duarte Commission Openings

The City of Duarte will begin accepting applications on October 13, 2011, to fill 19 positions on its six commissions. Duarte citizens interested in serving on a commission will have until November 30, 2011, to apply to the City Manager's Office at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive by 6:00 p.m. Application forms will be available at City Hall, Public Safety, the Duarte Teen and Senior Centers, or on the City's website: www.accessduarte.com.

City Council members will interview applicants on December 5 and 6, and appointments will be announced at the December 13th Council meeting. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (626) 357-7931.

Halloween Howl

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again host the Annual Halloween Howl at Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31. This fun alternative to trick or treating is designed for children 12 years old and younger.



Come to the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department's Halloween Howl for a safe and fun way to spend Halloween!

Among the many fun activities will be a FUN ZONE with different inflatable and interactive attractions. Entry to the Fun Zone will be \$3 per person, and carnival-style games will be 25¢ each. There will also be a costume parade with free candy for participants, music, refreshments, and much more. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.

Senior Center Programs

Free Flu Shots

It's that time again; so don't get caught with the flu bug. This service, conducted at the Duarte Senior Center, is for seniors 55 years and older. The date for this year's flu shot clinic is Tuesday, October 18, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The flu shots will be given to the first 200 people with a reservation at (626) 357-3513.

Parking Lot Sale

Come to the Senior Center for fantastic bargains at the annual parking lot sale on Saturday, October 8, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Individuals and groups can rent a spot for \$15 where they can sell their own goods. For any questions, please feel free to call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

Senior Center Excursions

The following excursions are being offered this fall for adults ages 18 and older. **Mystery Trip**, Wednesday, October 12, 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., \$45; **Live Oak Cemetery – Walk & Tour**, Thursday, October 20, 6:45 p.m. – 9:45 p.m., \$13; **California Science Center and IMAX Theatre**, Thursday, November 3, 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., \$39; **Valley View Casino**, Tuesday, November 15, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., \$28; **Ronald Reagan Presidential Library "Christmas Around the World,"** Tuesday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., \$30.

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

Santa's Mailbox/Inbox

Santa will have a mailbox located at the Duarte Recreation Department in City Hall. Letters may be deposited there or mailed to 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010-2592, Attn.: Santa Claus. Include a return address & phone number with the letter, and Santa will write back. Santa is also accepting letters via email. To send Santa an electronic letter, email santa@accessduarte.com. Be sure to include your name and Santa will email you back. Letters and emails will be accepted November 28 through December 15. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.



Mighty Tykes Flag Football



Mighty Tykes is an exciting non-competitive variation of football, especially suited for young players. An introductory practice will be held Saturday, October 1. Practices and games will be held on Saturdays, October 8 – November 5 at Otis Gordon Sports Park, 2351 Central Avenue.

AGES: Group 1: Children born in 2004 & 2005 (6 & 7 years of age)

Group 2: Children born in 2006 & 2007 (4 & 5 years of age)

Child must be 4 years of age by October 1, 2011

Sign ups began Monday, September 12th at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive. Fee is \$25 (Includes a t-shirt uniform). For more information, contact the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department (626) 357-7931.

Teen Programs

Six Flags Magic Mountain - Halloween Frightfest

On Friday, October 28, the Teen Center will take a trip to Six Flags Magic Mountain! Teens can enjoy plenty of ghosts and thrill rides. Get your scream on! The trip departs at 4:00 p.m. and returns at 12:00

a.m. to the Duarte Teen Center. Fee is \$34

Turkey Shoot Contest!

Come and "wet" the hoop in the Turkey Shoot Contest! Each contestant will get one minute to shoot as many 3-point shots for a total score. Top winners will receive turkeys to take home to their families for Thanksgiving. Come and get ya hoop on! Thursday, November 17 at 3:30 p.m. Free!

Winter Holiday Festival

Come join the Teen Center for a celebration of the winter holidays: Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. Families can enjoy musical choirs, food, cultural presentations, a holiday play, and much more! Wednesday, December 21 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$2

Santa's Visit and Holiday Party

Santa will visit Beardslee Park from 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. followed by a visit to Royal Oaks Park from 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7. Afterwards he'll head to the Duarte Community Center for Santa's Holiday Party from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

There will be holiday games, crafts, music, prizes, and refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus! RSVP for this free event by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931. Limited to the first 90 participants.



Duarte's Calendar of Events

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Elected Officials

MayorTzeitel Paras-Caracci
 Mayor Pro Tem.....Lois Gaston
 Councilmember.....John Fasana
 Councilmember.....Margaret Finlay
 Councilmember.....Phil Reyes

Key for Calendar

- 9th Annual Author's Festival**
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Westminster Gardens
- Candidates Forum**
8:00 - 8:30 p.m., Community Center
- City of Hope Community Health Fair**
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
City of Hope - Cooper Auditorium
- City of Hope Walk**
8:00 a.m., City of Hope
- Community Clean-Up and Household Hazardous Waste Round-up**
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
City of Hope's Buena Vista Parking lot
City Hall Parking Lot
- Council Meeting**
7:00 p.m., Community Center
- Economic Development Commission Meeting**
6:30 p.m., Community Center
- Election Day**
- Get Back to Work Job Fair**
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Community Center
- Halloween Howl and Fun Zone**
6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Royal Oaks Park
- Holiday Tree Lighting and Tree Festival**
6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Duarte Senior Center
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**
7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
City of Hope - Cooper Auditorium
- Mayor's Youth Council Meeting**
6:00 p.m., Teen Center
- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**
7:00 p.m., Community Center
- Planning Commission Meeting**
7:00 p.m., Community Center
- Public Safety Commission Meeting**
7:00 p.m., Community Center
- Public Services Commission Meeting**
7:00 p.m., Community Center
- Red Ribbon Week 2011 Kick Off**
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Duarte Teen Center
- Senior Center Parking Lot Sale**
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Simplifying Small Business Success**
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Community Center
- Traffic Safety Commission Meeting**
7:00 p.m., Community Center
- Veteran's Day**
9:00 a.m., Thorsen Park
- Youth and Family Committee Meeting**
6:30 p.m., Community Center

Please Note: Duarte City Hall and Public Safety Office will be closed to the public the week of Monday, December 26th through Monday, January 2nd, 2012.



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