

# Duarte COMMUNITY News

## Employee Spotlight

**K**aren Herrera, Deputy City Manager has worked for the City of Duarte over a 24-year span. Herrera has held a variety of increasingly responsible positions culminating in her current role as Deputy City Manager. She spends the majority of her work-time assisting the City Manager and City Council implement programs and services within many realms including community events, grant writing, refuse/recycling, youth programming and managing the City's websites.



This City truly deserves its title, "The Mouse that Roared," according to Herrera. More than any other City she has worked for, the Staff and City Council are unwilling to settle for second best when it comes to the well being of the residents of this fine community.

Her hobbies and interests include reading biographies, watching classic television and spending time with her five children, grandson, dogs, husband of 14 years, Mark and lots of friends.



**R**ecreation Supervisor, Lupe Valerio has 16 years of experience working for the City of Duarte. Valerio is responsible for hiring and overseeing class instructors, Concerts in the Park, special events, camps, and more! What she loves about this City is getting to know the people she serves. "Duarte has a diverse group

of people and all of them make Duarte special," explained Valerio.

She believes Duarte is beautiful and the Field Services Division has done a great job keeping it aesthetically pleasing. Duarte offers many opportunities for children, adults and families to build memories. Lupe also likes that Duarte has been an important part of her life, helping her build fond memories for her daughters. Her hobbies and interest include reading, spending time with her children and volunteering.



## Duarte Soundwall Scheduled For Completion Fall 2011

**P**art two of the Duarte Soundwall project on the north side of the 210 freeway is now scheduled to be completed this Fall. The long awaited sound wall has been needed since the freeway opened to provide noise relief to adjacent Duarte schools and neighborhoods.

The approximate 1/2 mile project funded by Metro and constructed by Caltrans broke ground on July 26th of 2010. The 14-foot high freeway wall will run between Highland Avenue and approximately 40-feet past the Duncannon bridge structure at an approximate cost of \$2.3 million. The firm of O'Donnell Construction Inc. is the project's General Contractor.

## Follow cityofduarte on Twitter!

**T**witter users now send more than 140 million "Tweets" a day adding up to a billion Tweets every 8 days. Among those using the popular microblogging platform are the City of Duarte. Since the launching of our new website in November of 2010, Duarte has been actively "tweeting."



Follow the City of Duarte today on Twitter by going to [www.Twitter.com](http://www.Twitter.com) and type *cityofduarte* in the search bar or by pasting the following address in your browser [twitter.com/cityofduarte](http://twitter.com/cityofduarte).

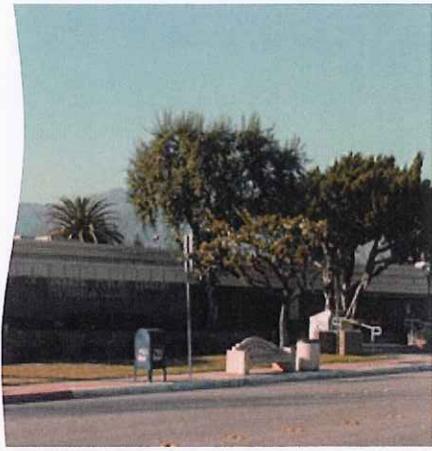
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### City Employees

City Manager.....Darrell George  
 Assistant City Manager.....Kristen Petersen  
 Public Safety Director.....Brian Villalobos  
 Parks and Recreation Director.....Donna Georgino  
 Community Development Director.....Craig Hensley  
 Deputy City Manager.....Karen Herrera  
 City Clerk.....Marla Akana

### Elected Officials

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



### Duarte Library to Get Facelift

The 10,048 sq. ft. Duarte Library will be getting a facelift with new interior paint, carpeting, computers and self serve check-out machines starting April 10th and lasting approximately six weeks.

The 45 year-old Los Angeles County library building is slated to reopen on June 13, 2011. While the library is closed for remodeling, patrons can use their library cards at nearby Live Oak Library at 453 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia or Norwood Library in El Monte at 4550 N. Peck Rd. For additional information, please call (626) 358-1865.



### Local History Toolkit Unveiled

After over a year of research and collaborative meetings, the Duarte Heritage Toolkit Project is nearly complete and will be formally unveiled at an open meeting in May. The purpose of the project was to draw on the knowledge and experiences of the Duarte community to create a local history-themed toolkit for Duarte's third grade teachers. It will consist of classroom activities, a teacher's guide, a local history book listing and customized speaker request forms.

The Duarte Heritage Toolkit Project is a collaborative effort between many Duarte based partners including the DUSD, the Historical Museum, the City of Duarte, the Public Library and Sonoma State graduate student Marisa Solórzano. For more info, please email Marisa Solórzano at solorzam@seawolf.sonoma.edu.

### Duarte Finalist for Most Business Friendly City Award

The City of Duarte was selected by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) as a finalist for the 2010 Most Business Friendly City.



Duarte's efforts were recognized at the November 10, 2010 Eddy Awards Gala in Beverly Hills for providing cutting edge business development strategies and professional assistance within a "small town," business friendly setting. Duarte was also acknowledged for its one-stop permit center, updated strategic plan, and General Plan Economic Development Element. A video highlighting the City and a few of its businesses can be viewed online at [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com).

### Bridge Overhaul Starts in April

The San Gabriel River Bridge, a heavily trafficked thoroughfare linking Huntington Drive in Duarte and Foothill Boulevard in Irwindale, will undergo a \$1.85 million structural improvement and repair project beginning in April.

The project is expected to take one year to complete. During that time, the number of travel lanes across the bridge will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Heavy traffic is expected and motorists are advised to take alternate routes.

For more information, contact Los Angeles County Public Works at (800) 675-4357.

### Energy Efficiency Rebates & Incentives Available

Homeowners in Duarte and Los Angeles County can now qualify for rebates and financial incentives of up to \$4,500, plus save money on their utility bills by implementing energy-saving home upgrades as part of a new program called *Energy Upgrade California*.



Program details can be found at [www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org) or call (877) 785-2237.

### Burrtec to Change Trash Pick-up Schedule for Some in Duarte

Burrtec Waste Services is currently notifying customers in the northeast section of the City about a trash pick-up schedule change effective April 1st.

Customers who regularly have trash pick-up on Monday will be switched to Friday trash service.



Affected customers can expect to receive notice in their March billing that a change is coming. Burrtec will do courtesy pickups in the area on an as needed basis through April 30th for those who may forget. Burrtec notes the change will cut down the number of days trucks are in the City from six to five resulting in both cost and "greening" efficiencies. For more information, call Burrtec at (800) 325-9417.

### Type K Copper Piping

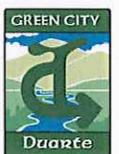
For over 25 years, the City of Duarte has had a unique regulation on the use of copper material in plumbing systems. Over the years, this requirement led to an undue burden on Duarte residents and contractors. In 2010, staff began researching this requirement which revealed several changes to construction practices and building code requirements plus a new list of alternative materials that were previously unavailable.

After several months, the proposal was brought before the Council for a public hearing. Based on public input, Council modified the code to require Type K copper only when copper pipe is used, and allow alternatives consistent with the California Plumbing Code. The new Ordinance is effective April 21, 2011. For information call (626) 357-7931, exts. 230 or 235.

### City Buildings Go Green!

The City of Duarte is reducing both its carbon footprint and energy bill by retrofitting ten City owned facilities with energy efficient lighting and air conditioning units, including new thermostats and lighting controls. The upgraded facilities include: City Hall, Senior, Teen, Community, and Fitness Centers, and the North and South Yards.

This project was coordinated by PacificWest Energy Solutions and funded by both an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant from the California Energy Commission, and a low-interest loan paid for via annual utility bill savings.



The recent retrofit is part of the City's continuing efforts to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and encourage community-wide energy efficiency.

## Fitness Center & Spring Aquatics Program

It is time to get into shape at the Fitness Center and Pool located at 1600 Huntington Drive, next to City Hall. The spring aquatics program will begin April 9 with the pool available Monday through Friday for lap swim from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on weekends. Recreational swim will be held during spring break (April 11 – 15) from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on weekends from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for all ages. Fees are \$1 for children/seniors/handicapped and \$2 for adults.



Two sessions of swim lessons will be offered this spring. Session 1 will run from May 2 – May 12, with registration beginning April 25. Session 2 will run from May 16 – May 26, with registration beginning May 9. Priority registration will be available to City of Duarte residents with valid ID from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. the first day of registration. The cost is \$25 for 8 ½-hour lessons.

For class times and levels being offered, call the Fitness Center (626) 357-6118.

## Senior Center Classes

The Duarte Senior Center offers classes for seniors 55 years of age and older. Ongoing classes include: Art Appreciation, Ceramics, Cross Fit, English as a Second Language, Exercise with Shelly, Guitar, Knitting, Music Appreciation, Spanish-Level I, Spanish Level II and Tai Chi. Please call the Center at (626) 357-3513 for more information.

## Adult Excursions

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is offering trips and tours for adults 18 and over. Excursions offered this spring include, San Diego's Little Italy Historic Tour, Candlelight Pavilion for "Singin' in the Rain," Saffron at the Walker House for Tea and Tour, Strawberry Tour at Tanaka Farms, and Viejas Casino in Alpine near San Diego. For information, please contact the Recreation Department at (626) 357-3513.



## Discovery Nature Camp

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again offer its annual Duarte Discovery Nature Camp this summer. Campers will participate in twice-weekly excursions to local trails, nature/science centers, beaches, museums, zoos, and other interesting locations.

The Discovery Nature Camp will consist of three 2-week sessions, offered Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The camp is open to children 6 - 11 years of age. The fee is \$160 per child, per two-week session and includes a camp tee shirt, daily lunches, snacks, crafts, and all excursions. Registration begins Monday, June 13. For more information, call (626)357-7931.



## Easter Egg Hunts

Duarte Parks and Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunts will be held at Royal Oaks and Beardslee Parks on Saturday, April 23 beginning at 10:00 a.m. SHARP!

There will be three age divisions; 3-4 years, 5-7 years and 8-10 years old. There is no charge for this event. Parents are asked to stay out of the hunting grounds, and no baskets or bags will be allowed. For more information call (626) 357-7931.



## Duarte Teen Center

All Duarte teens grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome to the Duarte Teen Center. Participation is free, but registration packets must be filled out and returned. For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

Upcoming Events! 

### Board Game Battles

Board Game Battles will be held on Thursday, April 14 at 3:30 p.m. Come and compete on teams playing fun board games for prizes! No charge for participation.

### Teen Cultural Awareness Training

On Wednesday, April 20 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. the Teen Center will offer a free Cultural Awareness training. 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.

### Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Teen Center on Thursday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. There will be traditional Mexican food for all to enjoy for \$1 per person.

### Youth Employment Workshop

On Tuesday, May 17 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. youth between the ages 15-18 will participate in a free employment workshop. Please register in advance at the Teen Center. Space is limited.

### Club Duarte

On Friday, June 3 from 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. the Duarte Teen Center will be transformed into the rocking hot spot for middle school youth. There will be a live DJ, dancing, food, and game room activities for only \$3.

## Teen Excursions

### Boomers!



On Tuesday, April 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. the Teen Center will head out to Boomers for the day! Boomers is a great place to hang out with friends and enjoy go karts, video game play, miniature and cosmic golf with an unlimited pass for only \$20. Lunch is on your own.

### Movie Day

Come join the Teen Center for a trip to the movies on Thursday, May 19 (DUSD early release day) from 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Fee is \$8. Movie to be determined PG-13. Snacks on your own.



# Duarte's Calendar of Events

## Key for Calendar

-  **14th Annual Veteran's Day**  
10a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Arcadia Park
-  **ACTSO Competition**  
3:00 - 9:00p.m., Performing Arts Center
-  **Budget Workshop**  
4:00 p.m., Community Center
-  **Community Clean Up & E-Waste Round Up**  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Beardslee School & City Hall
-  **Community Movie Night**  
6:00 p.m., Beardslee Park
-  **Council Meeting**  
7:00 p.m., Community Center
-  **Economic Development Commission Meeting**  
6:30 p.m., Community Center
-  **Harlem Ambassadors vs. Duarte Route 66ers' Charity Show**  
7:00 p.m., Duarte High Gym
-  **Household Hazardous Waste**  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.,  
North Grumman Corporation  
Azusa, California
-  **Mayor's Youth Council Meeting**  
6:00 p.m., Teen Center
-  **Otis Gordon Restroom Grand Opening**  
8:30 a.m., Otis Gordon Park
-  **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**  
7:00 p.m., Community Center
-  **Taste of Duarte**  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Westminster Gardens
-  **Traffic Safety Commission Meeting**  
7:00 p.m., Community Center
-  **Youth and Family Committee Meeting**  
6:30 p.m., Call for Location
-  **Youth at Work Job & Resource Fair**  
12:00 - 4:00 p.m., Pamela Park
-  **Youth Leadership Summit**  
8:30 - 4:00 p.m., PAC Center

For more information, call City Hall at (626) 357-7931 or visit us at [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com).

## Budget Workshop May 2

The fiscal year 2011-12 annual budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd at 4:00 p.m. and will take place in the Community Center located at 1600 Huntington Drive.

The workshop provides a comprehensive overview of revenues and expenses and encourages public participation. For more information, contact the Administrative Services Department at (626) 357-7931, ext. 211.



The City of Duarte wants your feedback on our publication. This publication is prepared by City employees to inform residents and businesses of our latest news. Please contact the Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221 or by email at [herrerakaren@accessduarte.com](mailto:herrerakaren@accessduarte.com) with your comments, ideas, and/or photos. Please consider the environment and recycle.

## April 2011

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## May 2011

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## June 2011

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# Public Safety News



## Deputy Spotlight

*Probation Officer Addi Sadar*

Setting our youngest and most vulnerable youth up for success by improving school performance in the classroom and on the playground is a primary goal for Deputy Probation Officer Addi Sadar since she joined the City's Public Safety Team in August 2010.



Sadar, a long-time youth advocate, brings with her to Duarte 17 years of work history with Los Angeles County Probation Department, a B.A. in Psychology and experience as a mother and grandmother. Although located at the Duarte Public Safety Office, Addi spends most of her day at Duarte Schools, and in the field at the Duarte Boxing

Gym, parks, THINK Together after school program, the Duarte Library and at the local YMCA connecting children and families to essential services. She believes that by regularly linking youth up with successful, after school activities such as sports, mentoring, tutoring, etc., that emotional problems that often come with growing up can be greatly diminished.

Addi describes Duarte as a community committed to their youth; full of families wanting to stay in Duarte and its schools. Adding, that schools go out of their way to foster a nurturing and positive environment by taking a serious stake in the growth of local youth. The numerous community resources in place to support youth also help make her challenging job much easier. Through her experiences with youth, she urges parents to spend as much time as possible with their children and stresses how critical it is for them to be very involved. Setting consistent but firm boundaries for their children is also an area of importance. Funding for Deputy Sadar is made possible through the California Gang Reduction and Intervention grant. Duarte is lucky to have a Deputy, like Addi, on board, to work in a prevention capacity.

*Duarte Public Safety, Sheriff Satellite Station  
1042 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California 91010  
(626) 357-7938*

## Join us for Community Movie Night! Set for June 3rd



Everyone is invited to Duarte Public Safety's first Community Movie Night of the year on June 3rd, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Enjoy a complimentary BBQ dinner provided by Marvell West, and snack on popcorn, while watching a great family film at Beardslee Park located at 2351 Central Avenue in Duarte.

For more information on how to participate, contact Aida Torres at [a2torres@lasd.org](mailto:a2torres@lasd.org), or call (626) 359-5671, ext. 316.



## Sign Up For Free E-Newsletter Alerts

Interested in receiving local community events and crime trend updates? Sign up now at [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com). Click on the enewsletter icon on the homepage and fill in your information. It's that easy!



## *Caring Helping Youth Leading in Life in 2011*

Over the past several months, the Duarte CHYLL program has increased from 11 to 33 youth with several currently on the waiting list. The program provides youth ages 10-14 with leadership, volunteer and job skill opportunities to assist them develop into productive community leaders. The program also builds positive and lasting friendships for the youth as they work side by side on various community service projects. Since the beginning of the school year, these young leaders have logged in over 2000 community service hours.

Participating youth earn discounted excursions to Six Flags Magic Mountain, Knott's Soak City, Knott's Berry Farm, San Diego, the Duarte Youth Leadership Summit, the movies and many more fun events to keep them motivated and dedicated to serving their community. For more information please contact the Duarte Teen Center at (626) 303-0863.

## *Hook'd and Book'd*

On Sunday, February 20, at 4:00 p.m., Deputy Huerta was monitoring traffic at the intersection of Central and Highland Avenues when he noticed a vehicle that failed to stop. He conducted a traffic stop and discovered the male adult driver did not have a driver's license. The driver was detained by the Deputy who also uncovered that he had a current warrant and placed him under arrest.



Meanwhile, another Deputy impounding the vehicle noticed a wallet containing a City of Hope employee identification card. The Deputy called the City of Hope who in turn contacted the female employee. The Deputy asked the female if she had lent her vehicle to anyone and she stated, "No, I am home and was taking a shower and it is in the garage." However, when she checked the garage, she

noticed the vehicle was gone and the garage was open. The suspect was arrested for burglary and auto theft and the vehicle was returned to the victim.



## *Annual Rabies Clinic Slated for June 11th*

The City of Duarte in cooperation with VET CARE has scheduled the annual vaccination clinic for Saturday, June 11 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Duarte Park, located at 1344 Bloomdale Street. It is important for all dogs over the age of four months to be vaccinated for rabies to comply with State law.

Rabies vaccinations for \$8, other shots along with Duarte dog licenses will be available. Microchip registration will also be offered for \$40. For questions concerning the annual rabies clinic or regarding Animal Control, please call (626) 357-7938.

## *New Helmets for Only \$5*

The Duarte Public Safety Office, partnering with the Duarte Elks Lodge, has a new shipment of affordable helmets for sale to keep local youth safe. Duarte youth between 3 to 18 years of age qualify to purchase helmets for \$5 at the Public Safety Office (in the Target Shopping Center Office) every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m.

A parent or guardian must accompany the child and all helmets will be properly fitted. For more information, call (626) 359-5671, ext. 316 or email a2torres@lasd.org.



## *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 that will deliver the harvest to those in need at both Duarte Senior Center and the Foothill Unity Center.

To request harvesters call (626) 359-5671, ext. 316 or email a2torres@lasd.org.

## Reported Residential Burglaries

January to February 2010



### January 2011: 5 Burglaries

2000 Block of Capehart Ave

1/4/11 - between 8:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m., unknown suspect(s) entered home after prying a window open and stole two Cannon cameras, an IBM Think Pad, an HP laptop, gold jewelry, a car stereo, 4 Nintendo DS's, and a 26" flat screen TV.

Area 4

1600 Block of Third Street

1/9/11 - between 8:45 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., known suspects entered a secure home by prying open a back door and stole a cell phone case, car keys, a Shopard silver watch, a men's wallet, and miscellaneous rings and necklaces. Neighbors called Temple Station to report two male Hispanic juveniles acting suspiciously. Deputies recognized suspects as Duarte Eastside gang members and they were arrested. Witnesses identified suspects and jewelry recovered was linked back to three residential burglaries. Property was returned.

Area 1

600 Block of Gardi Street

1/16/11 to 1/17/11 - unknown suspect(s) entered home through an open window and stole an HP laptop, a diamond necklace and rings, and a diamond stud.

Area 9

1600 Block of Fairdale Avenue

1/17/11 - between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., unknown suspect(s) entered the secure home by prying open a back door and stole an HP laptop & case, Naproxen pain medication, and \$500.

Area 3

2200 Block of Oakhaven Drive

1/20/11 - between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., unknown suspect(s) entered the secure home and stole \$100. Reporting Deputy noted the suspect(s) could be related.

Area 6

### February 2011: 5 Burglaries

2300 Block of Mountain Avenue

2/2/11 - between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., unknown suspect(s) entered the unsecure home through an unlocked bedroom window and stole a Mac Book, a Louis Vuitton purse, \$240, ID & credit cards, a Prada wallet, a Coach wallet, gift cards, miscellaneous jewelry, Fendi glasses, a stainless steel revolver, and a 19" wood finish TV.

Area 4

2300 Block of Bloomdale Street

2/4/11 - between 4:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., unknown suspect(s) entered home (entry point unknown) and stole a 52" Panasonic TV.

Area 7

2600 Block of Sunnydale Drive

2/17/11 - between 6:40 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., unknown suspect(s) entered home through an unlocked garage door & forced interior garage door open. Stole \$25 and a metal container.

Area 9

1600 Block of Calle Coronado

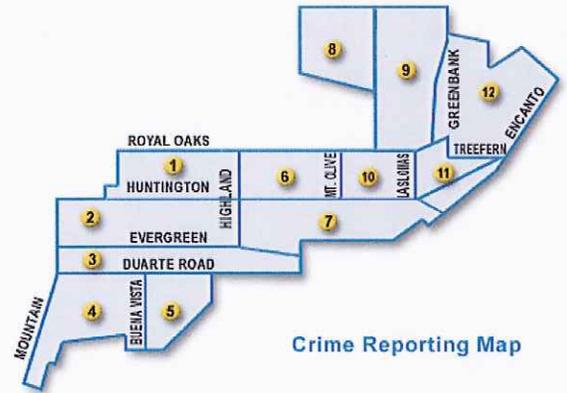
2/20/11 - between 3:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. the suspect entered a secure home by prying a door open while the victim was taking a shower. The suspect stole a vehicle and then failed to stop at a stop sign. A Deputy detained the suspect for this infraction and later arrested the suspect for burglary and auto theft. The vehicle was returned to the victim.

Area 1

600 Block of Woodbluff Avenue

2/24/11 - between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., unknown suspect(s) entered secure home after prying open a sliding door. Victim unable to identify anything missing.

Area 9



Crime Reporting Map



## People Helping People



Join the City in our mission to improve the quality of life for senior citizens by uniting them with trained, teen volunteers who are willing and ready to lend a helping hand.

For more information on this program, contact Gary Smith at (626) 303-0863 or by email at [gsmith@accessduarte.com](mailto:gsmith@accessduarte.com).

## Community Clean-up, May 7th

On Saturday, May 7, the City of Duarte and Burretec Waste Industries will host the bi-annual "Duarte Community Clean-up Day" and E-Waste Round-Up from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Two convenient drop-off locations will be available in the City where residents can dispose of large refuse items and e-waste including Duarte City Hall at 1600 Huntington Drive and Beardslee Elementary School, 1212 East Kelwill Way, Duarte, CA 91010.



Southern California Edison is also sponsoring a refrigerator/freezer collection on the same day. Residents can schedule their pick-up by calling (800) 234-9722. Appointments are made on a first come, first serve basis.

## Save the Date....

### Youth Leadership Summit May 21st

Join the members of the Duarte Mayor's Youth Council on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Duarte Performing Arts Center for the first annual Duarte/Monrovia Youth Leadership Summit entitled "Year of the Youth/Year of the Family." A variety of topics will be presented including volunteerism, civic engagement, leadership, starting your own business, gang & drug prevention/intervention, college enrollment/financial aid, teen pregnancy prevention, peer pressure, Social Networking, pre & post employment skills and more.

Speakers include City of Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, School Board President Pam Kawasaki and Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz. Sponsored in part by the Gas Company, Burrtec Waste, Southern California Edison, the City of Hope and Bank of America. Adult and parent volunteer opportunities available. Register before May 6th and receive a free T-shirt at the event. To register, call the Duarte Teen Center at (626) 303-0863 or email [maysm@accessduarte.com](mailto:maysm@accessduarte.com) or [kzessau@ci.monrovia.ca.us](mailto:kzessau@ci.monrovia.ca.us).

### Harlem Ambassadors Take On "Duarte Route 66'ers" April 30

High-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks and hilarious comedy routines are in store when the Harlem Ambassadors bring their unique brand of Harlem-style basketball to town to take on the Duarte Route 66'ers on Saturday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the DHS Gym.



Advance Tickets for the basketball show are on sale for \$9 from the Duarte Chamber, Joe's Place, City Hall or online at [www.duartechamber.com](http://www.duartechamber.com). At the door, \$10 for senior citizens and students under 12; \$11 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults. Children 2 years of age and under are free.

For more information or event sponsorship, call (626) 303-7191.

### Volunteers Be Recognized!

Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth, the Duarte Kiwanis Club and Burrtec announce the annual Red Wagon Scholarship Awards. These four, \$250 scholarships are given to youth from both Duarte High and Mt. Olive Alternative School campuses.

The award is presented to graduating seniors who exhibit exceptional community volunteerism both on and off the campus. These awards are presented annually in June at the Duarte High School Senior Awards Breakfast and Mt. Olive Alternative School Awards Luncheon. For more information, contact Alonzo Alatorre at (626) 357-7931, ext. 268.

## Snapshots Around Town



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