

DUARTE Community News

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Duarte Budget Works to Maintain Services



Comparable to our home budgets, the cost of living is often outpacing our paychecks. Providing vital services to Duarte residents in today's economic environment is no different. City Council and staff have made substantial strides in reversing this trend over the last two budget years. For example, the City's initial 2009-10 budget reflected a \$1.7 million dollar shortfall. Thoughtful, targeted reductions pared the deficit down to \$800,000. As a result, the City's General Fund maintains a reserve of \$4.5 million or 40% of the City's annual General Fund operating budget.

However, just as fast as the Council brought costs in line, the recession has hit full swing, drastically affecting revenues. This climate is further impacted by the State's historic budget crisis. Delays in grant payments, and now revenue takings estimated at \$3 million, further exacerbate the already unstable situation. Specifically, the State's budget is estimated to take \$2.7 million in redevelopment dollars from Duarte. Under voter approved Prop 1A, the State may borrow, with interest, General Fund dollars from cities twice in ten years if the State suspends the law. Prop 1A was also suspended as part of the budget, and the City stands to lose an additional \$300,000 in property tax. These types of continued hits by the State could eventually deplete the City's reserve, halt redevelopment activities, and eliminate key City services and capital projects.

Communicate your concerns to our State elected officials. Let them know that Duarte taxpayers are extremely concerned about the State's fiscal problems and how the legislature continues to take money away from cities and redevelopment agencies to fix its problems. Please contact both Assemblymember Anthony Portantino at (626) 577-9944, assemblymember.portantino@assembly.ca.gov and State Senator Gloria Romero at (323) 881-0100, senator.romero@sen.ca.gov and express your thoughts.

The City of Duarte has a proud legacy of fiscally responsible decision making with an eye to the future. Thus, the 2009-10 adopted budget will continue to offer a level of service that the community can be proud of, without sacrificing a strong financial foundation.

NEW Shopping Cart Ordinance

The City of Duarte will no longer collect miscellaneous shopping carts throughout the City as of August 28, 2009. In order to cut costs, the City of Duarte has adopted a new shopping cart ordinance that will make businesses and individuals responsible for the removal and misuse of shopping carts. On July 28, City Council added Chapter 9.70 "Abatement of Shopping Carts and Laundry Carts" to the Duarte Municipal Code. This ordinance will prevent the unauthorized use, accumulation, and storage of abandoned shopping carts and laundry carts on public or private property. Individuals who are in violation will be issued a citation. If you spot a shopping cart and/or laundry cart in a public area or would like additional information, please call the Public Safety office at (626) 357-7938.



Duarte Development Thrives Despite Slow Economy

Over the past few months, development in Duarte has remained relatively strong in comparison to other cities in the region. Several projects have been completed recently or are under construction, and a number of projects are slated to begin construction soon.



The Best Buy project recently completed on Mountain Avenue is a wonderful addition to the community. The 45,650 square foot store opened in May and has helped to expand local shopping opportunities. In addition to Best Buy, the existing Staples building was given a much needed face lift, and 10,690 square feet in retail shop buildings are scheduled to be completed soon.

You may have noticed the major construction underway on the Southeast corner of Huntington Drive and Crestfield Drive where Maryvale is building a new facility. The building will be used for day care and family resource center.

The City of Hope currently has two major construction projects in process. The Beckman Building is a new, five-story, 106,500 square foot building that will house labs and support space for cancer research.

Construction will soon begin on the Gonda Building expansion, an approximately 44,290 square foot, four-story addition to the existing building. The building will provide space for diabetes research and will include medical laboratories, office, and support space.

The Sonic restaurant chain has received approval for a new drive-in restaurant at the Mountain Vista Plaza (Target) shopping center.

The new building will be located on the Southwest corner of Huntington Drive and Bradbury Avenue. The existing Alfredo's building will be removed to make way for the new building. Construction is scheduled to begin in September.

The Redevelopment Agency is working with Sweet Magnolias on a plan to develop the Agency-owned property on the Northwest corner of Huntington Drive and Buena Vista Street. The developer is in the process of developing plans for about 4,500 square feet of space that would include both food service and retail use.

While many residential projects in Southern California have stopped, the Huntington Courts project is still progressing. Huntington Courts is a 51-unit single family residential project on the North side of Huntington Drive between Mount Olive Drive and Las Lomas Drive. The first phase of 21 homes is completed, and construction should soon begin on the second phase.

Introducing the Duarte Community Newsletter

The City of Duarte is proud to launch a new community newsletter that will be featured four times a year in conjunction with the seasons. The new, four-color, four-page document will be an insert into the existing Duarte View publication. Issues will include Summer, Fall, Winter, and Spring happenings, and feature timely news in the areas our residents ask about most including Redevelopment, Housing, Recreation and Youth Programs, Hot Topics, Public Safety, and more. Regular features will also include a community calendar, city quick tips, upcoming events, key information, and phone numbers. We want your feedback on our new publication. Please contact the City's Public Information Officer at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221 or by email at herrerakaren@accessduarte.com with your comments, ideas and/or photos!

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Elected Officials

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Councilmember.....Phil Reyes

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Deputy City Manager.....Karen Herrera

Community Movie Night Tops 500



More than 500 Duarte residents turned out to enjoy the premiere Community Movie Night at the Beardslee Park Amphitheater, hosted by the City of Duarte Public Safety Department on July 10.

Local non-profits and several businesses partnered with the City to create an evening for residents packed with fun and the dissemination of important information. Participants included the Santa Anita Family YMCA, Little Caesars, Performance Nissan, Post Alarm Systems, Census 2010, Foothill Family Services, Duarte's Promise, Foothill Transit, Foothill Unity Center, L.A. County Parks and Recreation, Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.), and L.A. Party Works, along with the City of Duarte departments of Finance/Transit, Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, and Community Development.

Deputies that Keep Duarte Schools Safe

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies actively partner with both parents and administrators on Duarte's eight different school campuses to ensure student safety. Whether by conducting educational presentations on gangs and drugs,



dealing with challenged youth, or by conducting home visits, all aspects are part of a day's work for the Duarte Unified School Safety Team fueled by Deputies Robert MacLean and Paul Villegas. Deputy Robert MacLean has been working as

Resource Deputy for three years. Prior to this assignment, he patrolled the City for over five years. His current assignment consists of pro-actively working with Duarte schools to provide crime prevention, intervention, and suppression services. In addition to working with the schools, Deputy MacLean is a certified ROP teacher at Duarte High School, where he teaches "Introduction to Law Enforcement." He is also Duarte's graffiti expert and serves as an advisor to the Duarte Area Resource Team, (D.A.R.T) youth mentoring program.

For the past two years, Deputy Probation Officer Paul Villegas has been working with Duarte's youth and their families in a preventive capacity. Specifically, he counsels minors who are having academic, attendance, and behavioral problems. Another part of his role is serving as liaison to the Juvenile Court System in Duarte, and mentoring elementary age students who participate in the Boy's and Girl's Club during the school year. He also serves as an advisor to the middle school mentoring program, Cardinals Helping Youth Live Life (C.H.Y.L.L.).



For any issues regarding school-related crime, gang crime, and/or juvenile-related problems, please contact Deputy MacLean at (626) 359-5671 ext. 319. For any issues regarding juvenile probation, prevention and/or intervention services including related referrals, please contact Deputy Probation Officer Paul Villegas at (626) 359-5671 ext. 309.

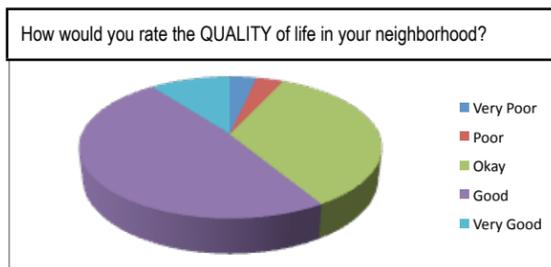
The atmosphere of ease and relaxation felt in the park was impossible to resist while enjoying some of Marvell West's mouthwatering hot links and hot dogs, or cooling off with a refreshing root beer float courtesy of Post Alarm Systems. Prior to the start of the movie, DJ Sanchez kept the festivities going with the songs of Michael Jackson and the Beach Boys, while the Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.) and Duarte Parks and Recreation kept the children entertained with face painting and games.

As darkness set in, the Beardslee Amphitheater was transformed into an outdoor movie theater with the help of L.A. Party Works, which provided the event with a giant inflatable movie screen for the showing of the Disney classic, "Angels in the Outfield."

While enjoying the movie, residents snacked on popcorn provided by L.A. County Parks and Recreation and chips donated by Foothill Unity Center. The end of the film came with a thunderous applause not only for the movie but for the entire Duarte staff and volunteers who made the event a success.

Be sure not to miss the next Community Movie Night at Beardslee Amphitheater set for Friday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.

City Surveys Reveal "Life in Duarte is Good"



Two recent surveys of Duarte residents have found that a majority of respondents agree that the quality of life within their neighborhood is "good" or "very good".

City of Duarte staff conducted the surveys of residents at two recent community events, the Neighborhood Watch Barbeque at Otis Gordon Park on April 4, and the Community Movie Night held July 10 at Beardslee Park. In the surveys, residents were asked questions pertaining to various topics of life in their neighborhood.

"Utilizing community events like this to connect with the residents is an important piece of our outreach campaign," said Darrell George, City Manager. Adding, "To receive such encouraging survey feedback helps us to continue our efforts to promote quality neighborhoods."

Of the 75 out of 100 surveys completed at the April 4 event, 72% of respondents rated the quality of life good or very good, and 79% said the quality of life in their neighborhood has stayed the same or has improved. A walk in the neighborhood after dark was determined by 83% of respondents to be somewhat safe, safe, or very safe. Some 82% of the residents responded that they are fairly familiar or very familiar with their neighbors. Residents identified solving the gang problem and an increase of Sheriff patrols among their top requests. Only 2 of 64 responders reported they were unsatisfied with the services provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Street/sidewalk repairs and additional lighting ranked at the top of the physical improvements to be considered.

In the July survey, 29 of 30 residents completed the questionnaire. Of those, 56% said the quality of life within their neighborhood is good or very good, while 72% believe the quality of life in their neighborhood has stayed the same or has improved within the last year. After dark, 76% find a walk in the neighborhood to be somewhat safe, safe, or very safe, perhaps owing to the fact that 79% of the residents surveyed said they are fairly or very familiar with their neighbors. As in the April survey, residents identified solving the gang problem as their first request. Only 3 of the 29 respondents were unsatisfied with the services provided by the Sheriff's Department. An increase in Neighborhood Watch meetings topped the list of City services request, while additional lighting ranked at the top of the physical improvements.

Prevention Tips: Living with Bears

Black bears have lived along the San Gabriel Valley Foothills since the 1920's and are frequenting residential neighborhoods on an ever-increasing basis. Typically, black bears are not aggressive against humans and reported attacks are extremely rare. In fact, 90% of all bear-related problems begin with exposed food sources. Specifically, bears are attracted to anything smelly or edible, especially garbage. Beehives, orchards, and gardens are also tempting. To keep your home "bear proof," follow these guidelines recommended by California Department of Fish and Game:

- Install bear-proof garbage and compost containers.
- Reduce food odors by deodorizing garbage cans with bleach or ammonia or by double-bagging trash.
- Do not place trash at curbsides before 6:30 am on trash day.
- Separate "wet garbage" and place in an air/odor tight container.
- Freeze meat bones or other smelly items and place them in your trash container the morning of pick-up.
- Keep barbecue grills clean.
- Pick up fallen tree fruit regularly or call Duarte's Local Harvest Program to schedule a harvest.



- Beanbags, air horns, and paint ball guns can be used to scare bears away.
- Don't feed bears - it is against the law.
- Don't leave pet food or bird feeders outside.
- Close windows on ground floors and never leave food on a windowsill.
- Block access to potential hibernation sites, such as spaces under decks.

If you see a bear in or around a residential area, please call the Public Safety Office at (626) 357-7938 Monday thru Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will dispatch an animal control officer. If you witness a bear after hours, please call Temple Sheriff's Station at (626) 448-9861. If it is a bear emergency, dial 9-1-1. The California Department of Fish and Game will not relocate bears; they will only tranquilize and relocate them a short distance if there is an unsafe route for the animal. This does not guarantee the bear will not return; statistics show that bears will return to the same spot.

The Duarte City Council has referred the bear issue to the Public Services Commission. Please come and express your thoughts at the next meeting slated for Wednesday, September 9, at 7 p.m. in the Duarte Community Center.

It's In Our Hands Be Apart of 2010!

In the United States, the population is counted every 10 years. Census data is used to determine political representation and the distribution of more than \$300 billion every year. The money will help to fund new schools, medical centers, emergency services, transportation, and other needs in our community. Your information is protected by the law and is not shared with any other government organization. 2010 Census, "It's safe, it's easy, and it's important."

www.census.gov/2010census





City Quick Tips

- * Where can I buy my dog license?
A dog license can be purchased at City Hall and/or Public Safety.
- * Do I need to make a reservation for a party at a park located in Duarte?
No reservation is required, unless your gathering is for more than 40 people. Parks are on a first come, first serve basis. Residents are encouraged to clean the park area that was used. Alcohol is not permitted at any park. No jumper is allowed at any park.
- * Do I need to have a permit for a garage or yard sale?
Yes, permits can be obtained online or at City Hall and would need to be turned in to our Community Development Department before the date of your sale. Yard sales are permitted two times out of the year, for two consecutive days. Reminder: City Hall is closed on Fridays. We encourage our residents to obtain a permit during our regular hours, Monday thru Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m..
- * What can I do about a stray cat problem?
There is no specific leash law for cats. Cat owners are encouraged to keep their cats at home and indoors at night to prevent them from becoming prey and/or catching communicable diseases. Traps are available by request to residents for trapping wild or feral cats at our Public Safety Office.

For more information, call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931

Adult Trips Unveiled for Fall



The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department has some exciting adult excursions planned for this fall.

Trips include: Seal Tours Sea and Land Adventure (on a Hydra-Terra amphibious vehicle) Thursday, Oct. 8, from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., \$51. Ostriches in Tehachapi, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$39. San Manuel Casino, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 9:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., \$20. Poinsettias & Garden Tour, Thursday, Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. \$43. Palm Springs Follies, Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., \$73. The Mission Inn and Heritage House, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 10:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., \$38. Lunch on your own.

Brochures providing additional details on the excursions are available at City Hall.

Registration begins Sept. 14 at 7:30 a.m. for Duarte residents with proof of residency, and 9 a.m. for non-residents. A driver's license, California ID, or utility bills will be accepted as proof of residency. All participants must provide proof of residency. No more than 4 participants can be registered at one time. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$30. There are no refunds, but in the event of a participant's 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.

For further information questions please call (626) 357-3513

Duarte Teens Embrace Cultural Awareness and Tolerance

By: Gonzalo Lozano - DHS Senior

Early this summer, Aida Torres, Duarte's Crime Prevention Specialist and Marilyn Mays, Duarte Teen Center Supervisor, teamed up to present a Teen Cultural Awareness Class. This training is meant to teach cultural tolerance to high school students. On the verge of moving onto college and being productive in society, high school students learned what acceptance is and how they can develop this valuable character trait.

Twenty Duarte High School students participated in this free training at the Teen Center. It was so successful that another training class will be held at the Teen Center on Sept. 23, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The program is open to all high school students.

Students had no idea what to expect and not knowing made them uncertain on how "cool" this class was going to be. A movie was shown regarding intolerance throughout the history of the world. It depicted intolerance during the Nazi regime in Germany and intolerance in the United States. The students learned that intolerance will most likely end up in violent acts and even death. Some students with tears in their eyes expressed their experiences with intolerance; another student shared her opinion on how jokes can lose their intent of being funny, and turn into a way of

discriminating against a group of individuals, a community, or even one's nationality.

The favorite exercise among all participants was called, "The Spirit Walk." Students were asked questions. If they answered yes, they moved to the opposite side of the room. Questions ranged from "Have you ever been depressed in your life?" to "Have you lost a friend or family member due to gang violence?" The exercise was emotional and an eye opener for all. One participant wrote in his evaluation, "I really enjoyed this because I have now seen that many people have the same problems that I have."

Perhaps one of the most powerful comments made was, "This training is very effective. I believe it has improved my life and the problems that I am going through."

I highly encourage other high school students to sign up for the next free training in Cultural Awareness. It will not only help them learn more about acceptance, and how to appreciate their own and another's culture, but most importantly learn about themselves. Sign up for the class at the Duarte Teen Center.

For more information, contact Marilyn Mays at the Duarte Teen Center (626) 303-0863

Connecting with Our Youth...

Moonlight Basketball, launched in Spring of this year, continues to be a very successful outreach program targeted to both Duarte and outlying County areas. The program runs every Saturday night from 8:00 p.m. to approximately midnight at the Duarte High School gym. The number of average weekly participants continues to climb and demonstrates a high level of interest in "free access" City programming. Although the program was created to target youths and young adults ages 17 - 25, the sign-up sheets are exhibiting a high participation level of older adults as well. This positive mix of age groups has made its way into other communities and created a higher level of competition and enjoyment among participants that attend every Saturday night.

Teen Talk, a program created for teens of all walks to participate in, has evolved into an open forum on matters that youth think are important in the City of Duarte. The kick-off meeting took place back on June 4th and generated meaningful discussion on important issues like race relations in the schools and community and what youth can do to make a positive impact in that area. Teen Talk meetings will continue to take place once a

month at the Duarte Teen Center with the next meeting slated for September 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.. Future endeavors for the program will focus on the creation of a blog where information and concerns of local teens can be shared among each other, and taping the teen talk sessions for airing on DCTV, our local access channel.



For more information on either Moonlight Basketball or Teen Talk, please contact the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931



Adventure Club Offers Exciting Excursions For Youth



Kids looking to enjoy some exciting adventures this summer are invited to sign-up for Adventure Club. The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is offering two one-week sessions of fun and daily excursions to kids and teens ages 8 to 17. Each day will be highlighted by a trip to places such as the beach, museums, Knott's Berry Farm, and Soak City.

Adventure Club is held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with trips beginning and returning to Royal Oaks Park. Session I is Aug. 17 through Aug. 21 and Session II is Aug. 24 through Aug. 28. Registration is \$105 per session and includes lunch and all excursions.

To sign up for Adventure Club, visit Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr. For more information, contact our Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931

Duarte's 4-1-1

Duarte City Hall.....	(626) 357-7931
Building & Permits.....	x230/x235
Business Licensing.....	x211
Field Services.....	x205
Street Lights.....	x205
Foothill Transit Bus Passes.....	x211
Planning.....	x230/x235
Redevelopment.....	x230/x235
Transit.....	x211
Duarte Fitness Center.....	(626) 357-6118
Duarte Pool Center.....	(626) 357-6118
Duarte Teen Center.....	(626) 303-0863
Duarte Senior Center.....	(626) 357-3513
Public Safety*.....	(626) 357-7938
Anonymous Tip Line.....	x462/x211
Graffiti Removal.....	(626) 836-3654
Shopping Cart Retrieval.....	(626) 357-7938
Fire Department.....	(626) 358-3118
Temple Sheriff Station.....	(626) 448-9861

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Charter Cable.....	(866) 499-8080
Duarte Chamber.....	(626) 357-3333
Duarte Post Office.....	(626) 256-6043
Gas Company.....	(800) 427-2200
California American Water.....	(888) 422-5269
Southern California Edison.....	(800) 655-4555
Verizon.....	(800) 483-4000
Railroad Problems.....	(888) 446-9721
Burrtec Waste Disposal.....	(800) 325-9417
School District.....	(626) 599-5000

*In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1

Calendar Key*

 Back to School Distribution Foothill Unity Center 9 a.m.	 Household Hazardous Waste Santa Anita Race Track 9 a.m.
 Casino Night Duarte Senior Center 6 p.m.	 Lunch and Learn Community Center 11:30 a.m.
 Commission Meeting Community Center 7 p.m.	 Mayor's Youth Council Meeting Teen Center 6 p.m.
 Community Movie Night 5:00 p.m.	 Metro Open House Community Center 6 p.m.
 Health Fair City of Hope	 Moonlight Basketball DHS Gym 8 p.m.
 Concert at the Park Duarte Park 6:30 p.m.	 Route 66 Parade and Car Show
 Council Meeting Community Center 7 p.m.	 School Begins
 Farmer's Market Huntington Dr. & Buenvista St. 9 a.m.	 Summer Mystery Events Community Center 2 p.m.

*Additional events, information, and commission meetings are available at (626) 357-7931 www.accessduarte.com

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City Happenings...

Free Fair Fun

The City of Duarte invites all organizations and community groups to take part in a community parade at the Los Angeles County Fair on Saturday, Sept. 26. Groups can gain free entrance and parking for up to 35 participants each and participate in a parade to celebrate their Duarte civic pride.



Groups can arrive early and then take part in the parade line-up at 3 p.m., with the 30-minute parade starting at 4 p.m. Participants then have the rest of the day and evening to enjoy the fair. All groups will need to make a short online application and receive approval from the L.A. County Fair. Tickets and parking will then be available for pick-up or by mail. If your organization is interested in taking part, please call Becky Evans, City of Duarte, at (626) 357-7931 ext. 220.

Golf For Roses

The City of Duarte/City of Hope Rose Float Committee is hosting a Golf Tournament to raise money for their 2010 float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. The event, sponsored by Image 2000, will be held on Friday, November 6, 2009 at Brookside Golf Course. The cost is only \$150 per golfer and includes a continental breakfast, cart and green fees, goody bag filled with lots of great prizes, a photo with the Tournament of Roses Queen and Court, a barbeque lunch, and on-course beverages and snacks.



Unable to golf? There are a variety of ways to support the tournament without golfing, ranging from the donation of raffle prizes, to attending the tournament luncheon, to a corporate sponsorship. For more information on how to participate, contact Elizabeth Bagwell at (626) 301-8968 or ebagwell@coh.org.

Entry forms are available at Duarte City Hall or at www.accessduarte.com

Help a Needy Child Get "Back to School!"

Thursday, August 20, 2009 will be Foothill Unity Center's 11th Annual Back-to-School Distribution for children from qualified low-income families.

Last year, Foothill Unity Center prepared nearly 1,100 needy children for their first day of school. If you or your organization would like to help, contact Raina Martinez at Foothill Unity Center, or drop off your donation, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Foothill Unity Center, 415 W. Chestnut
Monrovia, CA 91016
(626) 358-3486

2nd Annual Casino Night of Stars Sept. 12

The 2nd Annual Casino Night of Stars is ready to roll on Saturday, September 12, 2009. Six community groups are betting that you'll roll the dice again at this "Talk of the Town" event that was a complete sellout last year. Tickets are on sale now for the evening of fun set for Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Duarte Senior Center that will feature Las Vegas-style entertainment complete with double the gaming tables for craps, roulette, poker and blackjack, an international buffet, and big prizes that will include trips to casinos in Las Vegas. Actor/singer/impressionist Jordan Preston, who was a hit last year, will perform on the Casino Night stage, while the outdoor Starlight Lounge will offer a roving magician and karaoke for those who like to belt out a tune.



Tickets for the Casino Night of Stars fundraiser are \$25 and include dinner, 100 chips, and one free drink. Tickets can be purchased at the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, 1105 Oak Ave., Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Dr., Joe's Place, 1345 Huntington Dr., online at www.DuarteChamber.com or for more information call (626) 357-3333 or (626) 357-7931 ext. 220

Duarte's Promise to Host 8th Annual College Fair

The eighth annual Foothill Cities College Fair will take place on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Duarte High School Quad, 1565 E. Central Ave. Admission is free.



Students and their parents can compare the programs and opportunities offered by more than 60 colleges and universities from throughout California and the United States. Some of the colleges will offer onsite registration opportunities.

The Foothill Cities College Fair is presented by the Duarte Unified School District, the City of Duarte, and Duarte's Promise; The Alliance for Youth in collaboration with other foothill cities school districts.

As a follow-up to this year's college fair, Duarte's Promise will also host its fifth annual College Preparation Seminar, an evening of education, information and motivation, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7. The program will be held at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr. Duarte, CA 91010.

Students and their parents throughout the San Gabriel Valley are invited to attend the event to learn about the process, opportunities, and realities of preparing for college from a host of experts including college administrators, career planners, coaches, and financial aid advisors. Admission is free, but seating is limited to the first 150 people.

Reservations are recommended by calling:
(626) 357-7931 ext. 221

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