



NOVEMBER

Santa's Duarte Mailbox November 27 - December 14 City Hall

Tree Lighting Ceremony November 30 | 6:30 - 8 PM City Hall Courtyard

DECEMBER

Breakfast With Santa Sponsored by the Duarte Rotary Club December 2 | 8 - 10:30 AM Community Center

Stuff A Patrol Car -**Holiday Toy Drive** December 2 | 11 AM - 3 PM Target December 13 | 11 AM - 3 PM Walmart Various Locations

Parks & Recreation Winter Classes Registration December 4

Online & In-Person

Holiday Decorating Contest For Residents and Businesses **Entries due December 8**

Holiday in the Park December 10 | 4 - 8 PM Beardslee Park

Winter Holiday Festival December 13 | 5:30 PM Teen Center

Santa Claus is Coming to Duarte December 13 & 15 | 5 - 9:30 PM Citywide

Santa's Hotline December 19 | 3 - 5 PM

Christmas Tree Recycling December 26 - January 12

JANUARY

Martin Luther King, Jr. **Celebration Event** January 11 | 10 AM Duarte Performing Arts Center

2024 Homeless Count January 23 | 8 PM Duarte Senior Center

FEBRUARY

Lunar New Year Celebration February 3 | 11 AM - 2 PM City Hall Courtyard

Family Sweetheart Dance February 10 | 3 - 5 PM **Community Center**

Mid-Year Budget Presentation February 27 | 7 PM **Duarte City Council Meeting**

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City Facility Holiday Closures

City facilities will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Christmas Eve, December 24
- Christmas, December 25
- New Years Eve, December 31
- New Years Day, January 1
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15
- · Presidents' Day, February 19

The following agencies may be contacted during closures:

- Public Safety Temple Sheriff Station (626) 285-7171
- · Animal Control SGV Humane Society (626) 286-1159

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Please visit the City website (ACCESSDUARTE.COM) for further information on how to participate.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Second & fourth Tuesdays of the month, 7 PM Duarte Community Center

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Third Monday of the month, 7 PM Duarte Community Center

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Third Tuesday of each odd-numbered month, Duarte Community Center Lounge

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

First Tuesday of each odd-numbered month, 7 PM Duarte Community Center Lounge

PUBLIC UTILITIES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Second Wednesday of each odd-numbered month, 7 PM Duarte Community Center Lounge

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Second Monday of each odd-numbered month, 7 PM Duarte Community Center Lounge

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

First Monday of the month, 6 PM Duarte Teen Center

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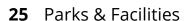
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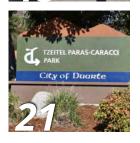
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through Thursday.



SPECIAL EVENTS



Holiday Happenings

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING It's sure to kick start a bright holiday season!

SANTA'S MAILBOX

NOVEMBER 27 DECEMBER 14

MAILBOX LOCATED IN DUARTE CITY HALL 1600 HUNTINGTON DRIVE AGES 10 AND UNDER

Send a letter to Santa! Be sure your letter includes your name, address, and phone number, as they will be forwarded to the North Pole. Santa will respond back to all kids with a Duarte address!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 6:30 – 8 PM

TREE LIGHTING AT 7:45 PM DUARTE CIVIC CENTER, 1600 HUNTINGTON DRIVE

Join us in the Civic Center Courtyard for a magical holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Enjoy live performances, Santa visits and photos, gingerbread house decorating, hot cocoa and pastries. Additional food and beverages will be available for purchase.

At 7:45 PM, gather in the courtyard to experience the magic as we help Santa countdown to the lighting of the City's holiday tree.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 2 | 8 - 10:30 AM Community Center

You and your family are invited to a delicious breakfast with Santa!

On this magical morning, the Rotary Club of Duarte will be cooking up some North Pole pancakes while Santa poses for photos. Additionally, Santa's elves will be facilitating crafting stations for all children. Tickets will only be sold at the door and are \$5 per person.





EXPRESS



HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Entry deadline December 8

To Enter: Email, duarteparksactive@accessduarte.com Judging: The week of December 11

Residents and businesses are encouraged to get in the holiday spirit and enter the City's annual Holiday Decorating Contest. To be eligible, homes/businesses must be within the incorporated area of Duarte and enter the competition by 6 PM on Friday, December 8. To enter, email a photo of your home/business to duarteparksactive@ accessduarte.com along with your full name or business name, address, and contact telephone number. Judging will take place the week of December 11 and winners will be announced by December 18 on the City's website & social media platforms. All contest winners will receive a yard sign to display, and a special holiday gift from the City of Duarte.



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO DUARTE!

December 13 & 15 | 5 - 9:30 PM

Although it's his busiest time of the year, Santa Claus is coming to Duarte! This season, Santa will drive-thru the City's residential neighborhoods on December 13 and 15 from 5 – 9:30 PM. Event maps, per night, can be found on the City's website, under the Parks and Recreation Department's page – "Santa Coming to Duarte" icon.

On your street's scheduled day, be sure to come out of your home and wave to Santa when you hear holiday jingles and sirens. To ensure you don't miss Santa, you can also follow him in live time on the City's Santa Finder, at accessduarte.com. Santa Finder goes live each event night starting at 5 PM.

SANTA'S HOTLINE

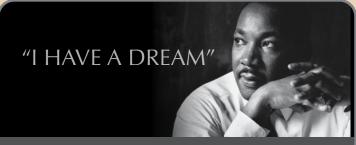
December 19 3 – 5 PM

Have a magical conversation with the one and only Santa Claus!

Children can call (626) 386-6804 to then be connected to the North Pole.



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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION EVENT

Thursday, January 11 | 10 AM Duarte Performing Arts Center

For the 22nd year, the Duarte City Council, DUSD Board of Education, youth, and community members, will come together to honor and remember the life and legacy of Dr. King during a special assembly at the Duarte Performing Arts Center.

The event will include a special guest speaker, performances, and the announcement of this year's MLK Essay Contest winners.

For more information, contact the Teen Center at (626) 303-0863.







DUARTE

Parks & Recreation 1600 Huntington Drive (626) 357-7931, ext. 218

Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 6 PM

PARKS & RECREATION

Providing high quality, innovative, and affordable or free programming to increase access to recreation in our community.

Visit accessduarte.com/parks-and-recreation for more information.

Make Make Better!



REGISTRATION STARTS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

CLASSES BEGIN WEEK OF JANUARY 8

Unless otherwise noted

Register online at:

<u>ACCESSDUARTE.COM</u>
or in-person at City Hall

Financial assistance available for qualifying Duarte residents (Duarte residents living in the incorporated City of Duarte). Visit City Hall for more details.

ART YOUTH

YOUNG REMBRANDTS: BASICS OF ELEMENTARY AND CARTOON DRAWING

6-week session | Instructor: Young Rembrandts **Location:** Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

This class alternates the basics of drawing and our humorous cartoon curriculum weekly. Student will improve drawing skills and understanding of art concepts and vocabulary as well as create silly characters.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
•			4:30 - 5:25 PM	\$84	

DANCE YOUTH • ADULT

BALLET

7-week sesssion | Instructor: Jovana Villegas **Location:** Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

Children develop poise and grace through the classical art of ballet. This class is a fun introduction to ballet, dance and body movement. The curriculum has been carefully crafted for children 5-11 years of age. Children will learn plies, basic positions, steps improve flexibility and balance.

TINY TOTS

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
•		•	10 - 10:30 AM	\$62	
JUNIO	RS				
Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	



BALLET & TAP COMBO

7-week session | Instructor: Jovana Villegas Location: Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

This class is a fun introduction to ballet & tap dancing. The curriculum has been carefully crafted and the dancers will learn basic rhythms, preparatory steps and sequencing, improve flexibility and balance. These classes are appropriate for children 3-11 years of age. Tap & ballet shoes are required.

TINY TOTS

<u>Ages</u>	Start	Day	Time	Fee	_
3 - 4	1/10	W	5 - 5:45 PM	\$65	
JUNIO	RS				
Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	_
5 - 11	1 /1 0	W	6 - 7 PM	\$65	

FOLKLORICO DANCE

6-week session | Instructor: Lucia Parra **Location:** Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

Participants will be introduced to the magnificent history and culture of Mexico through the traditional art form of Ballet Folklorico. Boys and girls will learn the beautiful dances from different regions, improve their coordination, and experience Mexico's folklore through music.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
•		-	4:30 - 5:20 PM	\$65	

HIP HOP

3 & 4 week sessions | Instructor: Talented Arts Location: Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

A fun and exciting kids hip hop class for beginners! Students will learn cool hip hop moves and dances! They will participate in fun dance activities and fresh hip choreography, while learning to dance to popular music.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
		. •	2 - 2:50 PM	\$70	
5 - 10	2/11	Su	2 - 2:50 PM	\$53	

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE FOR BEGINNERS

8-week sessions | Instructor: Portal Languages Location: Virtual

Learn ASL to power up your CV: our fun class will help you communicate and stimulate your problem-solving skills, planning and other mentally demanding tasks. If you want to gain the attention of our deaf and hard if hearing friends, learn with us.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
18+		-	7 - 8 PM	\$200

CHALLENGE YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS

4-week sessions | Instructor: AGI Academy Location: Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street

Sharpen your computer skills for report writing, homework or basic communication. This class will provide you useful tools to get you ahead in school or at work. Students will receive hands on practice in Microsoft Word & Power Point to make publications and turn in an awesome slide show presentation. All skill levels welcomed.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
			4:15 - 5:15 PM	\$108	
7 - 12	2/23	Fri	4:15 - 5:15 PM	\$108	

CHINESE: MANDARIN FOR BEGINNERS

8-week session | Instructor: Portal Languages **Location:** Virtual

Learn Mandarin to improve your conversational skills. Classes focus on vocabulary development, key grammatical structures and use of appropriate verbs.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
18+	1/11	. •	7 - 8 PM	\$200

CHINESE CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE FUN FOR CHILDREN

6-week session | Instructor: Anh Diep

Location: Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

Students will learn about one of the world's oldest cultures and most used languages, Chinese Mandarin. They will participate hands on activities like drawing, painting, origami, dancing, singing and games to learn. Each class will will progress through themes and explore the fusion of western and eastern culture.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
_		-	4:30 - 5:20 PM	\$50

CRITICAL READING

4-week sessions | Instructor: AGI Academy **Location:** Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street

This course will help students strengthen their skills in critical reading and writing, which is an essential analytical technique for academic success. Students will learn to identify information and ideas, as well as to bring outside knowledge, bias, and values in order to properly analyze a given text. Students will learn how to enhance their reading comprehension skills, strategies, and tools used to do the written expression and mechanism. \$10 supply fee payable to instructor at first class.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
	1/26	_	3:15 - 4:15 PM	\$108	
7 - 12	2/23	Fri	3:15 - 4:15 PM	\$108	

DOG OBEDIENCE BY FETCH PET CARE

8-week session | Instructor: Fetch Pet Care **Location:** Royal Oaks Park 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

Is your furry friend a little rambunctious or lacking discipline? Don't worry, this dog obedience training program is the key to a well-behaved, happy, and obedient dog! What your pet will gain: Improved obedience and responsiveness, polite behavior at home and in public, recall, leash training, socialization, and enhanced bond and trust with you.





INTRO TO TYPING

4-week sessions | Instructor: AGI Academy **Location:** Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street

Develop your child's basic typing skills and prepare them for many years of future computer usage. Explore how computers can elevate your child's learning experience and give them a jump-start in school.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
	1/26		3:15 - 4:15 PM	\$108	
7 - 12	2/23	Fri	3:15 - 4:15 PM	\$108	

MATH WORKSHOP

4-week sessions | Instructor: AGI Academy **Location:** Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street

Learn a new practical approach to math problem solving and hands-on practice for 3rd - 8th graders. This class teaches foundational math, whether your student needs chapter review, assistance on a new topic, or preparing for a test.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
7 -12	1/26	Fri	4:15 - 5:15 PM	\$108	
7 - 12	2/23	Fri	4:15 - 5:15 PM	\$108	

PRACTICAL CHINESE LANGUAGE

6-week session | Instructor: Anh Diep

Location: Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

In this program, participant will learn Mandarin Chinese for practical use at home or out in life. Learn to use in the office, order at a restaurant, or prepare for a vacation. Students will grasp the fundamentals of the languages as well as the culture.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
13+		_	6 - 6:50PM	\$60

SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS

8-week session | Instructor: Portal Languages

Location: Virtual

Learn Spanish to improve your conversational skills. Classes focus on vocabulary development, key grammatical structures and use of appropriate verbs.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
•			6 - 7 PM	\$200



YOUTH • ADULT

BALLOON DECOR 101 WORKSHOPS

1-day workshops | Instructor: Round Abouts Location: Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

Join our Balloon Decor 101 workshop, a hands on class where you'll learn everything you need to know to create stunning balloon decor. From proper inflation and tying, to garlands and installations. We will cover all the basics of balloon decorating. But that's not all! All Materials will be provided. Enroll today to start your balloon decorating journey!

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
15+			2 - 5 PM	\$150
15+	2/17	Sa	2 - 5 PM	\$150

CRAFTY CREATIVE SEWING

YOUTH • ADULT

8-week session | Instructor: Regina Dumas Johnson Location: Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street

This fun sewing groups welcomes all skill levels. Participant will learn to use a manual sewing machines to ones that are computerized. They will learn to sew on buttons, zippers, hemming, to making complete items like, bags, skirts, and more. \$20 sewing essential kit fee due to instructor at first class for new students.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
8-14	1/10	W	3:15 - 6:15 PM	\$130
15+	1/13	Sa	11:45 - 2:45 PM	\$130

CULINARY KIDS

3 & 4-week sessions | Instructor: Jovana Villegas

Location: Community Center Kitchen

Open hungry minds to the culinary world. This is a hands on cooking class where kids will be taught different skills that will result in delicious rewards. Students will learn how to cut, mix, whisk, measure, and read recipes while they cook tasty treats with fresh ingredients. A \$30 supply fee will be collected at the first class. Students will receive their own supplies to use in class and to take home.

4-week session

4 Week Session						
Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee		
5-8	1/8	М	4 - 4:55 PM	\$90		
9-12	1/8	М	5 - 5:55 PM	\$90		
3-week	session					
Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee		
5-8	2/12	М	4 - 4:55 PM	\$68		
9-12	2/12	M	4 - 4:55 PM	\$68		

STICKER DESIGN STUDIO

4-week sessions | Instructor: Jackie Hasty Location: Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street

Come join this fun class and design, produce, and share your own stickers. Learn to make easy peel & water resistant stickers using the Cricut Design Space.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
6-15	1/11	Th	5:30 - 6:30 PM	\$40	
6-15	2/15	Th	5:30 - 6:30 PM	\$40	

MARTIAL ART

YOUTH • ADULT

KARATE - LITTLE DRAGONS (4 - 5) & NINJA WARRIORS (6 - 8)

9-week session | Instructor: 360 Martial Arts Academy Location: Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

Children have fun with basic techniques, exercise, and games associated with karate. This class will help your child develop better coordination and motor skills, self-discipline, and respect for others, while engaging in brain boosting activities, which provide a great foundation for a healthy life.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
4-5	1/5	F	4 - 4:40 PM	\$54	
6-8	1/5	F	4:45 - 5:25 PM	\$54	

KARATE - MARTIAL ARTS YOUTH • ADULT

9-week session | Instructor: 360 Martial Arts Academy Location: Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

In this class, you will become stronger, faster and gain flexibility through our well-rounded curriculum. Get in shape and feel great while learning effective methods of defending yourself. You can expect to learn dynamic self-defense techniques from standing-up fighting to grappling and ultimately building a healthy mind and body.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
9+	1/5	F	5:30 - 6:30 PM	\$54	

MIND & BODY **ADULT**

VINYASA YOGA

5-week session | Instructor : Gregory Mena Location: Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

In this beginner-friendly yoga course, you will practice breathing and alignment through flowing sequences. Each session will include breathing exercises. sun salutations and exploring new poses.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
•		•	10 - 11 AM	\$55

PERFORMING ARTS YOUTH

CIRCUS GYMNASTICS

8-week session | Instructor: Alex Fuentes **Location:** Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

This fun fitness class is dedicated to balance, strength and coordination. Participants will develop circus gymnastic techniques like handstands, cartwheels, front and back hand springs, and more!

BEGINNING

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee			
5-7	1/6	Sa	11:45 AM - 12:30 P	M \$75			
INTER	INTERMEDIATE						
Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee			
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HOLLYWOOD SUPERSTARS ACTING & SINGING

3 & 4 week sessions | Instructor: Talented Arts **Location:** Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

Your little star will shine bright in this exciting class where kids will learn to act, dance and sing. Students will enjoy fun acting games, dance choreography, and songs from popular musicals!

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
			3 - 3:50 PM	\$70
6 - 13	2/11	Su	3 - 3:50 PM	\$53

PIANO FUN

8-week session | Instructor: Abraham Martinez **Location:** Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street

Students will learn the basics of reading sheet music, gain basic keyboard technique, and learn introductory music theory. Class time will be used for individual guidance and demonstration. Virtual instruction is available upon request.

LEVEL 1

<u>Ages</u>	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
8+	1/13	Sa	9 - 10 AM	\$60	
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Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
11+	1/13	Sa	10:10 - 11:10 AM	\$60	

VOCAL CLASS

4-week sessions | Instructor: Chu Feng - Josephine Chu **Location:** Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street

Singers wanted! Students will learn the foundation of singing, breathing, range, rhythm and more through the use of popular contemporary music.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
5 - 12	1/9	Tu	5:30 - 6:15 PM	\$52	
5 - 12	2/6	Tu	5:30 - 6:15 PM	\$52	
5 - 12	1/13	Sa	3:30 - 4:15 PM	\$52	
5 - 12	2/10	Sa	3:30 - 4:15 PM	\$52	



Duarte Teen Center Gym | (626) 303-0863 M - F | 3 - 4:30 PM | School aged youth (8 - 13 years of age) M - F | 4 - 7 PM | High school aged and adults (14+)

MONTHLY FEES Resident \$10| Non-Resident \$20 Register at the Duarte Teen Center

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. Registration conducted at the Teen Center. Registration is held at the Duarte Teen Center.

SPORTS & FITNESS YOUTH

SKATEBOARD BEGINNERS

Various sessions | Instructor: Pacific Skate School Location: Duarte Skate Park, 1401 Central Avenue

Participants will be taught the fundamentals of skateboarding including stance, peddles, brake, ramps, turns, drop in, stall, and air. Coaches will us the PSS curriculum including color levels, abc, skate philosophy to ensure progressions, safety and fun!

1DAY SESSIONS

<u>Ages</u>	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
6-12	1/15	М	9 AM - 12 PM	\$105	
6-12	2/19	М	9 AM - 12 PM	\$105	

3 & 4 WEEK SESSIONS

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
6-12	1/11	TH	3:45 - 4:45 PM	\$125
6-12	1/20	SAT	9:30 -11 AM	\$160
6-12	1/20	SAT	11:15 AM - 12:45 PM	\$160
6-12	2/15	TH	3:45 - 4:45 PM	\$160
6-12	2/17	SAT	9:30 -11 AM	\$195
6-12	2/17	SAT	11:15 AM - 12:45 PM	\$195

TENNIS BEGINNING

5-week sessions| Instructor: Javier Djeu Tennis **Location:** Encanto Park, 751 Encanto Parkway

Learn tennis fundamentals or enhance your current skills. Students will use a low bouncing ball makes learning fun and easy. Players will learn groundstrokes, volleys, and fundamental rules and concepts. They will also develop their hand eye coordination and agility. This class is the perfect introduction to tennis for participants 6-17 years of age.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
6-10	1/6	Sa	10 - 11 AM	\$100	
11-17	1/6	Sa	11AM - 12 PM	\$100	



Register for Youth Sports online at: ACCESSDUARTE.COM, then click on the Parks & Recreation/Pool icon.

REGISTRATION BEGINS Monday, December 4

Boys Basketball

8-week session | Instructor: Recreation Staff **Locations:** Beardslee Academy **(BDSA)**

Valley View Academy (VVA) | Royal Oaks Academy (ROA)

Join the fun sport of basketball. This program is geared for boys ages 9 - 14, in a grade no higher than 8th are eligible. Practices will be held after school and games on the weekends. Game schedules and jerseys will be given to participants prior to the start of the season.

DIVISIONS:

Division A: 12 - 14 years of age and in a grade no higher than 8th

Location	Start	Day	Time	Fee
BDSA	1/11	Th	2 - 4 PM	\$50
ROA	1/11	Th	2 - 4 PM	\$50

Division B: 10 - 12 years of age and in a grade no higher than 6th

Location	Start	Day	Time	Fee
BDSA	1/9	Tu/F	3 - 4:30 PM	\$50
ROA	1/9	Tu/F	3 - 4:30 PM	\$50
VVA	1/9	Tu/F	3:15 - 4:45 PM	\$50

Division C: 9 - 10 years of age and in a grade no higher than 4th

<u>Location</u>	Start	Day	Time	Fee
BDSA	1/8	M/W	3 - 4:30 PM	\$50
ROA	1/8	M/W	3 - 4:30 PM	\$50
VVA	1/8	M/W	3:15 - 4:45 PM	\$50

Girls Basketball

8-week session | Instructor: Recreation Staff

Locations: Beardslee Academy (BDSA)

Valley View Academy (VVA) | Royal Oaks Academy (ROA)

Join the fun sport of basketball. This program is geared for girls ages 9 - 14, in a grade no higher than 8th are eligible. Practices will be held after school and games on the weekends. Game schedules and jerseys will be given to participants prior to the start of the season.

DIVISIONS:

Division A: 12 - 14 years of age and in a grade no higher than 8th

Location	Start	Day	Time	Fee
BDSA	1/11	Th	2 - 4 PM	\$50
ROA	1/11	Th	2 - 4 PM	\$50

Division B: 10 - 12 years of age and in a grade no higher than 6th

Location	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
BDSA	1/9	Tu/F	3 - 4:30 PM	\$50	
ROA	1/9	Tu/F	3 - 4:30 PM	\$50	
VVA	1/9	Tu/F	3:15 - 4:45 PM	\$50	

Division C: 9 - 10 years of age and in a grade no higher than 4th

Location	Start	Day	Time	Fee
BDSA	1/8	M/W	3 - 4:30 PM	\$50
ROA	1/8	M/W	3 - 4:30 PM	\$50
VVA	1/8	M/W	3:15 - 4:45 PM	\$50



Little All Stars Basketball

4-week session | Instructor: Recreation Staff **Practice & Location:** CSARTS Gym, 1433 Highland Avenue

Little All Stars is a fun introduction to basketball. This team sport for girls and boys. Players will learn the fundamentals of the game and get a taste of team play. Siblings and relatives may be placed together upon request. Practice and games will be held on Mondays & Wednesdays.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
4 & 5	2/5	M/W	5:30 PM	\$50
6 - 8	2/5	M/W	6:30 PM	\$50



Registration Procedures

Register for excursions online at <u>ACCESSDUARTE.COM</u> beginning Monday, December 4 at 6 AM. Walk in registration for all excursions will be held at the Duarte Senior Center beginning Monday, December 4 at 9 AM.

Bus will pick up on Huntington Drive at Pops Road. Parking is available at the Duarte Civic Center overflow parking lot at 1620 Huntington Drive, Duarte, unless otherwise noted.

We accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

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 credit equal to the amount of the trip minus ActiveNet service charge.



FANTASY SPRINGS CASINO

Wednesday, January 31 | 9 AM FEE: \$35 Resident / \$40 Non-Resident

Spend the day in Indio at the Fantasy Springs Casino. Upon checking in, everyone will receive \$35 Free Play with their players card and a \$5 food voucher (subject to change). Take a chance at the slots, tables, or matinee bingo. Don't forget to bring a valid photo ID.

WHALE WATCHING & BALBOA PIER

Wednesday, February 21 | 6:30 AM - 1 PM FEE: \$30 Resident / \$35 Non-Resident

Come aboard the whale-watching ship for a 2 to 2.5 hour adventure! Several dolphin species including the giant Risso's dolphin and playful common dolphin are regularly viewed while out in the sea. Although not guaranteed, we may have the opportunity to see many varieties of whales including the giant blue whale, which is over 90 feet in length, humpback whales, gray whales, and finback whales. You may also see sea lions, and all types of other marine life during this excursion. The captain and crew will share a wealth of knowledge and personal experience to educate and entertain. There's a large upstairs sundeck, wraparound outside seating, snack bar with food and beverages, and indoor seating with large windows. After the tour, enjoy some time on your own exploring Balboa Pier. Light breakfast included.





CHICAGO AT THE PANTAGES

Wednesday, March 13 | 5:30 - 10:30 PM FEE: \$65 Resident / \$70 Non-Resident

After 25 years, CHICAGO is still the one musical with everything that makes Broadway shimmy and shake! A universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz, with one show stopping song after another and the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen. CHICAGO has been honored with 6 Tony Awards, 2 Olivier Awards, a Grammy, and thousands of standing ovations.

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Duarte Fitness Center

1600 Huntington Drive (626) 357-6118

Hours Subject to change

Weekdays | 6:30 AM - 8:30 PM Saturday | 7 AM - 4 PM Sunday | 11 AM - 4 PM

Holiday Closures

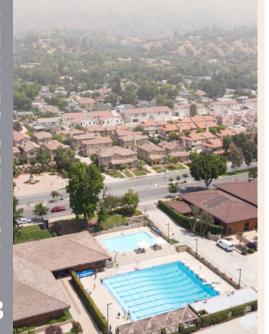
Christmas Eve – December 24 Christmas Holiday – December 25 New Year – January 1 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, January 15 Presidents Day – Monday, February 19

FITNESS CENTER AMENITIES

- Aerobics Open Floor
- Fully Equipped Exercise Room
- Two Racquetball / Wallyball Courts
- Showers and Locker Facilities
- 25-yard Competition Pool
- Training Pool

Our competition and training pools are heated year-round.

For additional information on any class, equipment, program, please contact the Duarte Fitness Center.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

All memberships are for one (1) year from the date of purchase.

All sales are final. There are no refunds unless class/activity/program is canceled by the City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department.

Membership Type	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident Super Senior
Aquatics / Exercise / Aerobics Closed for season	\$150	\$200	
Racquetball / Exercise / Aerobics	\$150	\$200	
Total Facility / Individual	\$200	\$275	\$120*
Total Facility / Family	\$300	\$400	\$220*

- * Duarte Resident | TFF (spouse only) | 60 years and older
- Gift Certificates are available for memberships (All sales are final).
- Corporate memberships rates available.
- We accept VISA, Mastercard, and Discover.
- All memberships will abide by fine print that is located in the Duarte Fitness Center contract.

NON-MEMBER INDIVIDUAL FEES

PROGRAM	FEES	Other Fees / Information
Exercise Room Drop - In	\$5 14 and older \$4 (55+)/Persons with Disabilities	Abide to all gym policies
Group Class Drop - In	\$5 14 and older \$4 (55+)/Persons with Disabilities	Aerobics, Active Recover or Water Fitness & Exercise
Racquetball	\$6 / Hr. 14 and older	\$10/Hr. No Show Penalty (Members Also)
Wallyball	\$6 / Hr. 14 and older	\$24/Hr. Court Max (6 players only) \$10/Hr. No Show Penalty (Members Also)
Personal Training	Varies	Call for more information



COMMUNITY FIRST AID, CPR & AED

Acquire essential skills in identifying and responding effectively to cardiac, respiratory, and initial aid emergencies through the American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED courses. This comprehensive training equips participants with the knowledge and capabilities required to provide immediate care to individuals who are injured or unwell, enabling them to make informed decisions regarding the necessity of advanced medical intervention. Enroll now to enhance your emergency response proficiency and contribute to a safer environment. Blended online course work will have to be completed prior to meeting for in-person class session.

Saturday, December 16 | 8 AM - 1 PM | Fee: \$75 Saturday, January 20 | 8 AM - 1 PM | Fee: \$75 Saturday, February 17 | 8 AM - 1 PM | Fee: \$75

GROUP EXERCISE | CLASS SCHEDULE

Aerobics Group Exercise

Experience a dynamic blend of low/high impact workouts, cardio blasts, and strength-building moves that'll have you grooving and your heart racing. Get ready to unleash the energy and fun as you embark on a fitness journey that not only gets your body moving but also gives your heart a lively workout.



Tuesday & Thursday | 5:30 - 6:30 PM Saturday | 9 - 10 AM

FEES

\$5 | 14 and Older \$4 | 55+ / Persons with Disabilities Free | Fitness Center Members

CIRCL | Strength & Mobility

Unleash the power to conquer stress, revitalize your flexibility, and rejuvenate your ability to move with newfound vigor and endurance.

Monday & Wednesday | 10 - 11 AM FEES

\$5 | 14 and Older

\$4 | 55+ / Persons with Disabilities

\$2 | Senior Center Combo Class Free | Fitness Center Members

LIFEGUARD/ WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR COURSES

Dive into a rewarding career in water safety by becoming a lifeguard or water safety instructor in 2024!

Get ready to make a splash as a certified professional. Join a community dedicated to promoting safety, acquire valuable skills, and take the plunge into a job that not only offers a sense of purpose but also provides a unique opportunity to enjoy the water while making a difference. Make waves in your career—become a lifeguard or water safety instructor and dive into a future filled with excitement!

Classes will be offered on a rotating basis throughout the winter and spring seasons. To join our list of interested candidates and secure your spot, please contact the Fitness Center Supervisor at (626) 357-6118.





1400 Buena Vista Street (626) 303-0863 Monday - Friday | 3 - 7 PM

Holiday Closures

Christmas Holiday – December 25 New Year – January 1 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, January 15 Presidents Day – Monday, February 19 The Teen Center is available to all high school students with a high school ID card.



Youth@Work Intern Program

Are you looking for work experience, on the job training, the opportunity to network and build relationships with future employers? Youth Intern positions are available with the City of Duarte. Contact the Teen Center for more information. Application Deadline is Friday, January 19. Space is limited and interviews will be held on Tuesday, January 23.

ACTIVITIES

Boys Night Out

Every other Monday beginning January 8 | 4 - 5 PM

Come join our club just for guys in grades 9-12! Fun trips, group discussions, sports and much more!

Girls Night Out

Every other Wednesday beginning January 24 | 3:30 - 5 PM

This program is for girls in grades 9-12. Participants discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self-esteem, relationships, and much more.

Hip Hop Dance

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 3:30 - 6:30 PM Free for middle and high school students

This is a high energy, fun educational course breaking down hip-hop movement for all levels of dancers.

Nutrition/Cooking Class

Every other Wednesday starting January 17 | 3:30 - 5 PM | Free

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

Theatre Thursdays

Thursdays | 2:30 PM | Free

Come enjoy a movie, popcorn, and snacks every early release Thursday. * Some movies may be rated PG-13.

Work it Out

Thursdays | 4 - 5 PM | Free

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!



SPECIAL EVENTS

Winter Holiday Festival

Wednesday, December 13 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | Free

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

Entry deadline is Wednesday, January 10 at 5 PM.

Students in grades 9 – 12 can compete in an essay-writing contest on why they are inspired by the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 200-word minimum – 500 word maximum. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Battle of the Sexes! Valentine's Day Trivia Challenge

Tuesday, February 13 | 3:30 PM

The guys and gals will battle it out in pop culture trivia for team prizes!

Tournament Tuesdays!

In February the Teen Center will host free tournaments on Tuesdays at 3:30 PM. Come and show off your skills in the various tournaments for prizes!

Ping Pong Tournament | Tuesday, February 6 Pool Tournament | Tuesday, February 20 Lip Sync Battle | Tuesday, February 27



Monday - Friday | 3 - 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 schoolwork, research colleges, or play various games.

SAVE THE DATE

Duarte Community Fashion Show

Saturday, March 16 | 1 PM \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door Location: Duarte Performing Arts Center



Community 3 on 3 Basketball TournamentMarch Madness!

Saturday, March 2 9 AM – 1 PM | \$40 Ages: 16 and up

Location: Duarte High School Gym, 1565 Central Avenue

This tournament is focused on promoting health, fitness, and providing networking opportunities between community-based organizations and local cities to have a fun day of basketball competition.

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Duarte Senior Center

1610 Huntington Drive (626) 357-3513

Hours

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 2 PM

Holiday Closures

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ONLINE REGISTRATION

Visit ACCESSDUARTE.COM, then click on the Parks & Recreation/Pool icon.

Online registration begins Monday, December 4 at 6 AM.

Walk-in registration begins Monday, December 4 at 9 AM. In-person registration hours Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 2 PM.

Classes begin the week of January 8, unless otherwise noted.

Classes and activities are open to adults 55+ years of age. Excursions are open to any adult 21 years and older.

NO REFUNDS.

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis, and will not be accepted after the second class of each respective session. All participants will need to create an online account via ActiveNet. All fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. Online registration is strongly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A WEEK OF HOLIDAY MAGIC

Monday, December 11 - Christmas Carolers Tuesday, December 12 - Sing-Along Performance by the Silver Strings Wednesday, December 13 - Festive Arts & Crafts Thursday, December 14 - Brunch, Dance & Visit from Santa 10 AM - 12 PM | FREE

We invite you to visit us during our week of Holiday Magic! An activity is planned daily to get you in the holiday spirit. Hot cocoa, coffee and a daily treat will be provided. Preregistration required.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION BRUNCH

Wednesday, January 4 | 10 AM - 12 PM \$15 Resident / \$20 Non-resident

Happy New Year! Celebrate 2024 with your friends at the Duarte Senior Center. Brunch and entertainment included. Preregistration required.

THEMED MONTHLY DANCES

Thursday, January 25 – Winter Wonderland Thursday, February 22 – Cupid's Corner \$5 Resident / \$8 Non-Resident (Pay at the door)

SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE

Friday, February 10 | 5 - 7 PM \$15 Resident / \$20 Non-Resident

Love is in the air! Join us for an evening of dining, live entertainment, dancing, and lots of LOVE. Preregistration required.







PROGRAMS / SERVICES

The Senior Center offers a variety of in person programming. Should you be sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please refrain from entering the facility.

MEALS

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM for SENIORS

The YWCA Congregate Meal program has resumed to in-person dining Monday - Friday. If you are 60+ years of age, we invite you to enjoy a hot and nutritious meal. Take this opportunity to socialize and make new friends. Hot meal tickets are given on a first come, first serve basis. Please check in no later than 11:15 AM. Meal service time is at 11:30 AM. Meals are a \$3 suggested donation.

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK – DRIVE THRU

4th Thursday of each month |9 - 10 AM

Nonperishable food box available with registration of persons 60 years and older.

LEGAL

FREE LEGAL APPOINTMENT 2nd Wednesday of each month | 1 - 3 PM

Book your FREE 15-minute consultation with Sara Polinsky, Elder Law Attorney, at the front counter. Contact the Duarte Senior Center to book your appointment.

What does Sara cover: Estate Planning, Living Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Health Care Directive, Probate, Property Title, Medi-Cal Planning for Long Term Care.

HEALTH & FITNESS

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL

Wednesdays | 12:30 - 1:30 PM | Free

Get active while having fun. Join us for a friendly game of chair volleyball. Space is limited.

DUARTE DRUMMERS

Tuesdays | 9 - 10 AM

This innovative workout class is designed to get your hearts racing, have your work on your mobility and rhythm, all while having fun and getting your boogie on! All equipment will be provided. Preregistration is required.

PICKLEBALL

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday | 8 - 10 AM LOCATION: Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street

Let's get active! Come try out a game of pickleball. All levels are welcome.

TABLE TENNIS & BILLIARD ROOM

The Senior Center has 2 ping pong tables and a billiard table open during our hours of operation, 9 AM - 2 PM. Beginning Ping Pong players are encouraged to come on Wednesdays & Fridays from 10 - 11 AM to learn the basics of Ping Pong.

HEALTH

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

PROVIDED BY CITY OF HOPE

3rd Tuesday of each month | 10 AM - 12 PM

HICAP Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program

1st & 4th Monday | 10 AM - 12 PM

HICAP provides free and objective information, and counseling about Medicare. Volunteer counselors can help you understand your specific rights and health care options. Call the Senior Center to make an appointment.

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

BINGO

Tuesdays | 1 PM | \$1 per card

8 games are played and prizes are awarded to the winners of each game.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

1st Wednesday of each month | 12 PM | FREE

Come celebrate with us! There will be a birthday cake and music to celebrate birthdays.

BOOK CLUB

3rd Monday of each month |1 PM | Free

Do you enjoy reading? Join the book club! Stop by the Duarte Library, which has books on hold for those who need a copy. Moderator: Janet Rietow

BUNCO

1st Wednesday of each month | 12:30 - 3 PM | \$2

Roll the dice and take a chance at BUNCO. Never played? Don't worry, this fun interactive dice game is easy to follow and learn.

CRIBBAGE

Tuesdays | 12:30 - 2:30 PM | Free

Do you like to play cards? Learn a new game and have a nice afternoon playing with friends. Sign up at the front desk.

FUN & GAMES

2nd & 4th Monday | 1 - 3 PM | Free

Engage in a variety of activities such Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, and Trivia.

GREETING CARD MAKING

3rd Wednesday of each month | 10 - 11:30 AM \$5 Material fee paid to Instructor on first day of class

KARAOKE TUESDAYS

Tuesdays | 10:30 - 11:30 AM | Free

Sing like no one is listening! Pick your favorite tunes and unleash your inner rockstar.

MOVIE MONDAYS

Mondays | 12:30 PM | Free

THE MOVIE GUY

3rd Thursday of each month | 1 PM | Free

Movie enthusiast Theo, The Movie Guy, comes to the Center monthly to discuss and lecture on different films dating back to the 1920's to current. Once the film is discussed, the movie is shown.

CLASSES55+

ONGOING FREE CLASSES

Class	Day	Time
Ceramics	Tu	9:30 - 11:30 AM
(Students must purchase their o	wn su _l	oplies.)
Knitting	M	9 - 10 AM
Watercolor	M	1 - 3 PM
Zoom Writing Workshop	W	9:30 - 11 AM

Register for classes online at accessduarte.com beginning Monday, December 4 at 6 AM. Walk-in registration at the Duarte Senior Center begins Monday, December 4 at 9 AM. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover. Classes begin the week of January 8, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

Dance Classes

LATIN DANCE

8-week session | Instructor: Chris Chu **Location:** Senior Center Dining Room

Have fun learning Rumba and Bachata with Chris Chu, who has taught group classes at Star Studio and private lessons at Lailai Studio.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
55+			1 - 2 PM	\$36

Educational / Senior

COMPUTER ADVENTURE

5-week session | Instructor: AGI Academy **Location:** Senior Center Lecture Room

Never touched a computer? Or maybe you have, but still need assistance and practice? Then this is the class for you. Explore the basic skills, enrich your knowledge, understand the terminologies and surf the online world through the internet. Experienced learners are also encouraged to register and focus on sharpening skills and advance your knowledge. This hands-on practice approach can accelerate students to master computer learning easily all while having fun. A \$10 material fee is due at the first class to the instructor.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
_ =		_	12:45 - 1:45 PM	\$135



Hobbies & Interest

PIANO/KEYBOARD

8-week session | Instructor: Abraham Martinez **Location:** Senior Center

Participants will use traditional and commercial repertoire to gain musical literacy and keyboard techniques. Class time will be used for instruction, more guided practice, and review of the weekly assigned materials. Students can be provided supplemental videos and documents for further instruction. \$15 music book fee due to instructor at first class.

IN PERSON

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
55+	1/12	F	10 - 11 AM	\$55
55+	1/12	F	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	\$55
55+	1/12	F	12:30 - 1:30 PM	\$55

SEWING

Instructor: Regina Johnson

Learn the basics of sewing or brush up on your skills. Sewing machines are provided, students must provide their own supplies. All levels welcome.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	<u>Fee</u>
55+	Ongoing	-		\$8/Week

Mind & Body

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS

Instructor: Felicia Perez

Location: Senior Center Dining Room

Enjoy a combination of low impact, cardio, and strength training movements to help get your body moving and heart pumping.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
_		-	9 - 9:30 AM	\$2/CLASS
(Fitnes	s Center N	Membe	ers participate	for FRFF)

TAI QI/QIGONG

8-week session | Instructor: Chris Tucker **Location:** Senior Center Dining Room

Strengthen and balance the body while calming the mind. Qi is said to come from the air we breathe and the foods we eat, so participants will be introduced to the concept of Food-Based-Healing and efficient breathing. With regular practice increase energy, immunity and metabolic function.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee	
_ =	1/8	-	9:30 - 10:30 AM	\$60	

YOGA - VIRTUAL

8-week session | Instructor: Yvette "Betsy" Laban

This class consists of "Hatha" yoga postures; poses and stretches to promote fitness. We will do Pranayama, breathing techniques, Acu-Yoga, healing with your own touch, and relaxation for mental and physical health. For those of you who think you need to be young, thin, fit and flexible for yoga ... think again. Come join us in this class for "everyday people." A mix of breathing techniques, stretching, body exercises and meditation will be used in a fun and relaxing atmosphere.

Ages	Start	Day	Time	Fee
_			9 - 10 AM	\$24

STRENGTH & CARDIO TRAINING FOR OLDER ADULTS

8-week session | Instructor: Citrus College Location: Senior Center Dining Room

Fitness training will teach exercises designed to improve or maintain flexibility, strength, endurance, and cardiovascular and respiratory functions. Emphasis will be placed on motor movements, eye-hand coordination, body space awareness, balance training, reaction time, joint protection, and relaxation techniques. Space is limited, and preregistration is required.

Ages	Start	Day Time	Fee
55+	1/8	M/Tu/Th9 - 10:50 AM	FREE



City of Duante

COMMUNITY

Duarte Renames Royal Oaks Park Extension to Tzeitel Paras-Caracci Park

Duarte is proud to rename Royal Oaks Park Extension to Tzeitel Paras-Caracci Park in honor of the late Mayor and Councilmember Tzeitel Paras-Caracci. In honor of Paras-Caracci's love for Hello Kitty, the renaming and dedication ceremony took place on November 1, 2023, also known as National Hello Kitty Day.

"Tzeitel epitomized public service in Duarte," said Mayor Jody Shulz. "Her determination and precocious nature ensured that all she did resulted in a positive outcome for the community, especially the youth. That is why the dedication of the park in her name is the most appropriate gesture to honor her legacy."

Former Mayor and Councilmember Tzeitel Paras-Caracci was elected to the Duarte City Council in 2001 and was the first Duarte High School graduate and Filipino American elected to the City Council. She served the Duarte community as a public servant for over 21 years. As four-time Mayor, her policy positions were heavily driven by her love for Duarte, and she is credited with being an integral part of various City accomplishments and successes.

"I served with Tzeitel on the Duarte City Council for over twenty years. We didn't always see eye-to-eye on everything, but we were close friends and we both love the City of Duarte - so we could always work things out for the betterment of our community," said Councilmember Margaret Finlay. "Duarte has lost one of the greatest public servants with the passing of Tzeitel but her good works, dynamic personality, and integrity will last for generations to come."

Paras-Caracci had a special connection to Royal Oaks Park Extension, as she married her husband, KC Caracci, there on August 16, 2003.

"I am overjoyed that Royal Oaks Park Extension will now be Tzeitel Paras-Caracci Park. Especially because Jack and his dad, KC, will continue to make memories at this location that already holds a lot of meaning to the family," said Councilmember Cesar Garcia. "It is heartwarming to know that future generations will create memories at this park and that her legacy will continue to inspire others. Viva Mayor Hello Kitty!"

At the September 26 City Council meeting, Duarte City Council adopted a resolution to rename Royal Oaks Park Extension to Tzeitel Paras-Caracci Park and to create appropriate signage reflecting the park's new name.

The Duarte City Council shares their remarks:

"Tzeitel Paras-Caracci is a true trailblazer, paving the way for others to follow. With her visionary leadership, she has not only empowered countless individuals, but also helped them embrace their potential and redefine their future," said Mayor Pro Tem Vinh Truong. "She reminds us that the path to success is not always easy, but it is through taking risks and challenging norms that we can create a legacy that will inspire generations to come."

"I was honored and privileged to work with Tzeitel for almost a decade. She was the most caring person, always eager to share positive encouragement and support with others," said Councilmember Sam Kang. "She uplifted so many in this community, and her heart and kindness will never be forgotten."

"I am delighted that Royal Oaks Park is being renamed to celebrate her life and accomplishments," said Councilmember Toney Lewis. "This park in particular is very special to me. In high school I would play basketball here with Tzietel and a group of friends every Sunday."

"Tzeitel's passion and enthusiasm for the City of Duarte and its community remains unmatched. She dedicated her life to enriching our City and took creative approaches to empowering our youth," said Councilmember Tera Martin Del Campo. "As a lifelong friend of Tzeitel, I am inspired to keep her contributions relevant, celebrate her memory, and continue to serve the community in a way that she would be proud of."



Duarte Installs New Route 66 Art Sign

The City of Duarte is pleased to announce the installation of the new Route 66 art sign on the Northwest corner of Huntington Drive and Mount Olive Drive. Construction for this piece began Monday, September 18 and was completed a few short weeks later on October 12, 2023. The Duarte City Council approved the contract for the new art piece on November 2022 as a unique way to highlight the historic Route 66 in the City of Duarte.

The new eye-catching art piece, was a collaborative effort between City staff andArchitectural Design & Sign, Inc., and it is constructed of two stainless steel cabinets. It features the tagline "City of Health," Duarte's name, logo, and a Route 66 sign. This sign is over 28 feet high, which allows residents to enjoy this piece from blocks away. The Duarte lettering and Route 66 sign include internal LED illumination, making the display visible both day and night.

Duarte's Rhonda Luna Inducted Into the International Women's Boxing Hall of Fame

Duarte Boxing Club's very own former Junior Lightweight World Champion, Rhonda Luna, was inducted into the International Women's Boxing Hall of Fame in Las Vegas, Nevada on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

For Luna, the induction marked a full-circle moment in her boxing career. She made her pro debut in 2003, and retired from the sport in 2013.

Throughout the duration of her boxing career, she earned her Master's degree, carried a full-time job working in education, and trained with Duarte Boxing Coach, Victor Valenzuela, at the Duarte Boxing Gym. The ceremony made Luna realize that alongside all of the women inducted this year, she was now one of the women paving the way for future female fighters, just like many women had done for her when she was just starting out.

"My career would have been complete regardless of the induction." said Luna. "I made some incredible memories and this was just the cherry on top."

Before her boxing career, Luna was an accomplished softball player at University of California, Santa Barbara. Boxing eventually became her way to continue fulfilling her competitive nature post-graduation. A family connection led her to Victor Valenzuela at Duarte Boxing Gym, where she became the first female fighter Valenzuela coached in 2006.

"Coach Valenzuela saw something special in me," said Luna. "His training was invaluable; he honed in on my specific talents as a boxer. No one would have trained me as well as he did."

"I love Duarte, I love our tight knit community, and I love being a part of the gym. My career would have been very different if I was in a different City surrounded by different people," said Luna. "Here in Duarte we're a family, and it's just an incredible community to be a part of.

One of the most memorable moments of Luna's career was winning a world title practically in her own backyard. The culmination of her hard work and dedication resulted in a victorious six-round fight at the San Manuel Casino in Highland.

"It was an incredible fight and it felt like a win for not only Rhonda and myself, but for the entire community," said Valenzuela. "I was truly honored to be Rhonda's coach and it was very rewarding to be there to see her win the world title and get inducted into the International Women's Boxing Hall of Fame."

Luna's legacy lives on at the Duarte Boxing Gym with her son now training there.

TRANSPORTATION



FOOTHILL TRANSIT IS IMPLEMENTING NEW SERVICE CHANGES

Foothill Transit is implementing exciting new changes to the Duarte eBus lines starting on Sunday, October 29. At the June 27 City Council meeting, Council approved Foothill Transit's proposed service change recommendations and will officially implement them at the end of October.

Duarte eBus Line 860 and 861 have been combined into a single bus line to better serve residents. The new Line 861 will be more direct with connecting points to existing Line 272, Line 187, and Metro A Line (Blue). The bus line will continue to provide bidirectional service connecting the biggest destinations in Duarte including: Encanto Park (751 Encanto Parkway), the Blue Line (1682 E. Duarte Road), the City of Hope Medical Center (1500 E. Duarte Road), Walmart (1600 Mountain Avenue), and Mountain Vista Plaza (1014 Huntington Drive).

This change will be done in conjunction with extending Line 272 from the Duarte Gold Line Station to Mountain Vista Plaza, which will cover parts of Buena Vista Street and Royal Oaks Drive. This extension will provide coverage to the western portion of the City where service resulting from the route consolidation will be lost. As a result of this change, customers in residential areas north of Royal Oaks Drive may need to walk further to access the service.

This route adjustment will make both Line 861 and Line 272 more efficient due to eliminating stops where ridership is low and focusing on stops where the ridership is higher. Existing customers will have a faster, more direct ride and future customers will have an easier time understanding the bus line. The estimated costs of the operating system may be reduced by as much as \$250,000 with this implementation.

The new service will also offer free two-hour Foothill Transit to Foothill Transit transfers when paying with a Tap card. Transfers for adults and students are \$0.50 and transfers for seniors, persons with disabilities, and Medicare discounts are \$0.25. Qualifying students may be eligible for free rides using the Metro GoPass Tap card. For more information on the Metro GoPass, visit: https://www.metro.net/riding/fares/gopass/.

These changes were presented to the public through a formal public comment period from February 21, 2023 to April 23, 2023. To encourage public comments and feedback, Foothill Transit staff conducted three virtual and eight in-person public workshops. The workshops were well attended with approximately 80 attendees at the in-person workshops and 52 people attendees at the virtual workshops.

For more information about the Duarte eBus lines, visit accessduarte.com/duarte-ebus.



Frequency

No changes.

	Day	Peak (minutes) (0-9am, 3-6pm)	Midday (minutes) (9am-3pm)	Evening (minutes) (6pm-12am)
Existing Line 860	Weekday	60	60	No Service
	Saturday	No Service	No Service	No Service
	Sunday	No Service	No Service	No Service
Existing Line 861	Weekday	60	60	60
	Saturday	60	60	60
	Sunday	No Service	No Service	No Service
Recommended Line 860/861	Weekday	60	60	60
	Saturday	60	60	60
	Sunday	No Service	No Service	No Service

Hours of Service

Existing Line 860 6:30 AM-6:15 PM

No changes.

Existing Line 600	0.30 API-0.13 PI	INO SELVICE	NO Service		
Existing Line 861	5:45 AM-8:30 PM	7:40 AM-7:30 PM	No Service		
Recommended Line 860/861	5:45 AM-8:30 PM	7:40 AM-7:30 PM	No Service		
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Part 1 Crime Neighborhood Watch Update

In the first three quarters of 2023, Duarte experienced a noteworthy 24.45% reduction in Part 1 crimes compared to the same period in the previous year.

However, it is crucial to highlight a concerning trend involving an increase in grand theft auto incidents. These incidents disproportionately affect Hyundai and Kia vehicles, particularly those with model years spanning from 2011 to 2022. These vehicles are particularly vulnerable as they lack an engine immobilizer, a standard anti-theft feature that prevents the engine from starting without the vehicle's key nearby. We strongly recommend reaching out to the manufacturer to address this issue, as they may offer software upgrades to enhance the security of these vehicles. As winter approaches, we kindly urge our residents to prioritize the protection of their property and take proactive measures. We offer the following suggestions:

- Ensure that your home and car are securely locked, and consider the use of alarm systems.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a garage, a well-lit driveway, or areas with good visibility. The installation of motion sensor lights can further enhance security.

Crime Comparison

2022

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Part 1 Crime

Part I Crimes

Homicide

Jan to September

Rape	5	2	-3	-60%
Robbery	12	13	+1	+8.33%
Assault	43	25	-18	-41.96%
Burglary	52	47	-5	-9.62%
Larceny	191	144	-55	-24.61%
Grand Theft Auto	59	43	-16	-27.12%
Arson	2	1	-1	-50%
Total	364	275	89	-24.45%

2023

Difference

N/C

% Change

N/C

Arrest data adjusted annually due to reclassification of crimes

- · If you have video surveillance, ensure that cameras are strategically positioned to monitor entryways and vehicles. Adequate lighting should be maintained, and the footage should be easily accessible in case of any issues.
- Keep your vehicle free of valuables and personal items. To protect against identity theft, remove documents containing personal information from your vehicle. Store your insurance and vehicle registration in your wallet for added security.
- Be aware that door-to-door solicitors should possess a permit. Do not open your door to unsolicited visitors. Instead, inform solicitors that you will contact the Temple Sheriff's Station at (626) 285-7171 to verify their permit status.

We encourage you to get to know your local public safety personnel by participating in Duarte's Neighborhood Watch program. You can schedule a meeting in your neighborhood to become an integral part of our community's vigilance and safety. For further information, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671, extension 316, or email A2Torres@lasd.org. Your active involvement can significantly contribute to the safety of our neighborhood.

On September 16, at approximately 2:40 AM, an employee at the ARCO gas station alerted Temple Sheriff's Station to a concerning situation involving an unconscious female individual inside a truck. Upon their arrival, the deputies requested the female occupant to exit the vehicle for a medical assessment by the LA County Fire Department.

While the female was outside the vehicle, a deputy observed a clear plastic bag containing a white powdery substance that resembled cocaine in the center console. The deputy inquired about the substance, and the female admitted it was cocaine. Consequently, the female was detained for further investigation related to narcotics.

A thorough search of the vehicle was conducted, revealing additional illicit substances in a backpack in the front passenger seat. Among the discoveries were a bag containing Psilocybin mushrooms, a plastic bag containing Heroin, another bag containing methamphetamine, and two glass pipes with residual burnt methamphetamine. Furthermore, an examination of the vehicle's credentials revealed that the license plate did not match the vehicle's description. A secondary check of the vehicle's VIN confirmed that it had been reported as stolen from San Bernardino on September 3, 2023.

As a result of these findings, the suspect was placed under arrest on charges of unauthorized vehicle use, possession of controlled substances (Cocaine, Psilocybin, Heroin, and Methamphetamine), as well as possession of drug paraphernalia.

We commend the deputies for their diligent and swift response. If you ever encounter suspicious individuals or vehicles in your neighborhood or public spaces, please make a note of the car's make, model, color, or descriptions of the individuals involved, and promptly contact the Temple Sheriff's Station at (626) 285-7171. Your vigilance can significantly contribute to the safety of our community.



Join the Neighborhood Watch to "Stuff A Patrol Car" this Holiday Season

Duarte's Public Safety Department, through its Neighborhood Watch program, is committed to spreading holiday joy to over 500 children each year. This year marks the eagerly anticipated second annual "Stuff the Patrol Car" event, and with your generous support, we can fill Deputy Patrol Cars with toys to bring happiness to underserved children in our community.

Please mark your calendar for two fantastic opportunities to make a difference: On Saturday, December 2 from 11 AM - 3 PM at Target (1050 Huntington Drive) and on Wednesday, December 13, from 11AM -3 PM at Walmart (1600 Mountain Avenue). Simply bring a new, unwrapped toy, and you'll brighten a child's life. As a token of our appreciation, those who choose to donate can take a complimentary photo with the Sheriff's Posse on Saturday, December 2. Moreover, you're welcome to bring personal gifts to be wrapped by DART youth volunteers – and this service is absolutely free!

If you're unable to attend either of these events but still wish to participate, you can drop off your donation directly at the Duarte Public Safety Office by Saturday, December 9 before 4PM (1042 Huntington Drive, Duarte CA 91010).

Are you interested in hosting a "Stuff the Patrol Car" toy drive in your Neighborhood Watch area, or do you need more information about this heartwarming initiative? Please don't hesitate to contact Aida Torres, Crime Prevention Specialist, at (626) 359-5671, extension 316, or via email at A2Torres@lasd.org.

Let's join forces and make this holiday season brighter for the children in our community!



WINTER HOLIDAY PARKING CITATION SUSPENSION

In the spirit of the holiday season, the Duarte Public Safety Department will be temporarily suspending the issuance of parking citations for street sweeping and 3 - 6 AM parking restrictions from December 24, 2023, to January 2, 2024.

It's important to note that Public Safety will continue to enforce citations for safety violations and violations of the Duarte Municipal Code. Additionally, Recreational Vehicle permits will still be required and enforced during this period. You can obtain a Recreational Vehicle parking permit exclusively at the Public Safety Office located at 1042 Huntington Drive.

For more information regarding Duarte's holiday parking program, please don't hesitate to reach out to Duarte Public Safety at (626) 357-7938.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season!



PUBLIC SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Special Assignment Deputy Fraijo

As of this fall, the Duarte Public Safety Department proudly welcomed Deputy Fraijo as the latest addition to their Special Assignment Team. Deputy Fraijo brings a wealth of experience, having spent the last three years patrolling the early mornings of the City of Duarte. During this time, he demonstrated exceptional dedication by excelling in various facets of law enforcement, including conducting criminal investigations, responding to service calls, enhancing community visibility, and actively contributing to crime prevention initiatives.

Deputy Fraijo embarked on his impressive 10-year-long career in law enforcement with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, where he dedicated three years to service at Men's Central Jail in Los Angeles. Prior to joining the Duarte team, he further honed his skills in patrol duties at Temple Station, serving the South El Monte community.

In his current role, Deputy Fraijo skillfully applies his Duarte experience to address critical concerns such as gang identification, narcotics-related operations, graffiti issues, and the execution of specialized criminal investigations.

Beyond his professional achievements, Deputy Freijo pursued higher education at Cal State Northridge, earning a Bachelor's degree in Sociology with a focus on Criminal Justice while actively participating in their baseball team. He's not only dedicated to his career but is also a devoted family man. He actively engages in coaching Little League, softball, and football, and treasures quality time spent camping with friends and family.

Deputy Fraijo is a passionate advocate for the Neighborhood Watch program, emphasizing the vital role of community involvement. He encourages residents to share any information regarding suspicious activities in their neighborhoods. He firmly believes that the solution to crime goes beyond mere arrests and places high value on crime prevention strategies aimed at ensuring the safety of the Duarte community.

If you ever need to report any suspicious activities, please don't hesitate to contact Deputy Fraijo at (626) 359-5671, extension 310. Be assured that all calls are treated with the utmost confidentiality and diligence. Your partnership in community safety is highly valued.

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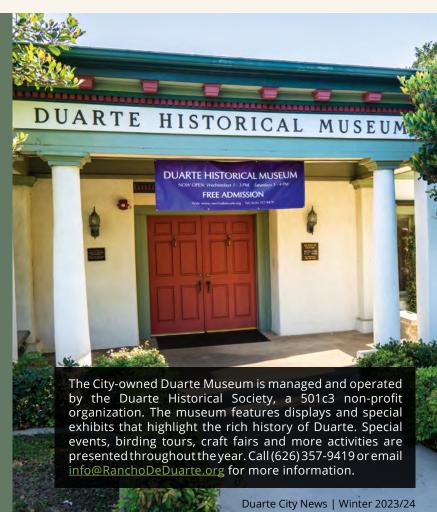


Parks

- 1. Aloysia Moore Park | 1100 Duarte Road
- 2. Beardslee Park | 2000 Buena Vista Street
- 3. Duarte Park & Futsal Courts | 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. Orange Blossom Park | 1720 Third Street
- 12. Otis Gordon Sports Park | 2351 Central Avenue
- 13 Royal Oaks Park | 2627 Royal Oaks Drive
- 14. Tzeitel Paras Caracci Park | 2701 Royal Oaks Drive
- **15. Veterans Memorial Thorsen Park** | 2801 Huntington Drive
- Little Free Libraries

Recreation Facilities

- **A.** Community Center | 1600 Huntington Drive
- **B.** Fitness Center | 1600 Huntington Drive
- **C. Senior Center** | 1610 Huntington Drive
- **D. Teen Center** | 1400 Buena Vista Street
- E. Duarte Museum | 777 Encanto Parkway (626) 357-9419 | ranchodeduarte.org Museum is open 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 1–3 PM



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, certain parks have picnic gazebos available for rent. For information on rental policies and fees, call (626) 357-7931 ext. 218. or visit ACCESSDUARTE.COM/Parks and Recreation/City Facilities Rentals.

PARKS & FACILITY RENTALS



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 60-person capacity multi-purpose meeting room, perfect for retreats, meetings, or parties. Take your event to another level!



This 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.



Sports Fields and Multipurpose Courts Various Locations

Open to the public for free play and for reservations when not used by City programming. Also available on a rental basis are lighted softball and baseball fields, lighted tennis courts, and multi-purpose fields.



The beautiful Duarte Community Center is available to rent for baby showers, bridal showers, or other functions that will not be providing live musical entertainment or a DJ. This 150-person capacity facility includes a stage, kitchen, dance floor, ice machine, and portable mini bar.



The Duarte Senior Center is available to rent for limited parties and receptions. This venue can accommodate seating for up 135 and features an outdoor patio with lighting (no on-site kitchen access).



Encanto Park • 751 Encanto Parkway Royal Oaks Park • 2627 Royal Oaks Drive Tzeitel Paras-Caracci Park • 2701 Royal Oaks Drive Gazebos available for rent online at ACCESSDUARTE.COM

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!

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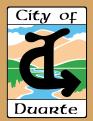
City Services

Duarte City Hall	(626) 357-7931
Duarte Fitness/Pool Center	(626) 357-6118
Duarte Public Safety Office	(626) 357-7938
Duarte Senior Center	(626) 357-3513
Duarte Teen Center	(626) 303-0863
Graffiti Removal	(626) 359-7938
Shopping Cart Retrieval	(626) 357-7938
Foothill Transit	(800) 743-3463

First Responders

Emergency Calls (Police, Fire, Medical)911	
Temple Sheriff Station (Dispatch)(626) 285-7171	
LA County Fire (Non-Emergency)(626) 358-3118	

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Cal American Water(888) 422-5269	1
California School of the Arts-SGV(800) 483-4000	,
Charter Cable(866) 499-8080	,
Crime Stoppers (800) 222-8477	,
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Duarte Historical Museum(626) 357-9419	,
Duarte Library (626) 358-1865	•
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Duarte Unified School District(626) 599-5000	,
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