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Parks

Aloysia Moore Park	1100 Duarte Rd.
Beardslee Park	2000 Buena Vista St.
Duarte Park	1344 Bloomdale St.
Duarte Skate Park	1401 Central Ave.
Duarte Sports Park	1401 Central Ave.
Encanto Park	751 Encanto Pky.
Glenn Miller Park	205 Melcanyon Dr.
Hacienda Park	2695 Hacienda Dr.
Lena Valenzuela Park	2120 Mountain Ave.
Northview Park	1433 Highland Ave.
Otis Gordon Sports Park	2351 Central Ave.
Royal Oaks Park	2627 Royal Oaks Dr.
Royal Oaks Park Ext.	2701 Royal Oaks Dr.
Third Street Park	1626 Third St.

Supervised Parks Schedule

Open Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Beardslee Park 2000 Buena Vista Street
Royal Oaks Park 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

- Each park site will be staffed with trained recreation leaders.
- Activities will include sports, arts and crafts, games, tournaments, and much more!
- Each park is an information and sign up center for youth sports, excursions and special events.
- Children age 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Duarte Named “Most Business-Friendly City” by LAEDC

The City of Duarte has been named the “Most Business Friendly City,” with a population of 60,000 and under by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) during its 17th Annual Eddy Awards on November 8 at the Beverly Hilton.



The award was presented in recognition of the City’s outstanding efforts in proactively promoting business-friendly programs and services. Duarte, competing as a finalist for the third consecutive year, was selected for the top honor over four other finalists in the competition, besting the cities of Commerce, El Segundo, Glendora and La Mirada.

“It is very exciting to receive this recognition from the LAEDC. Duarte has worked hard to foster a business-friendly atmosphere while maintaining a ‘small town’ feel. We are proud that our success in attracting, retaining and growing businesses has helped create much-needed jobs and generate necessary tax revenue for important public programs,” said City Manager Darrell George. “Business retention, expansion, and attraction has been and will remain at the top of our priority list even as we confront the challenges of difficult economic times, staff reductions, and the State’s abolishment of redevelopment agencies.”

Duarte provides cutting edge business development strategies and professional assistance, including a one-stop permit center, an updated strategic plan, an Economic Development Element in its General Plan and a hands-on City Council regularly in touch with businesses. Duarte’s incentives include free business seminars, no utility users tax, business, residential, and youth surveys, a low crime rate and distinguished schools.

Calendar of Events



Dates and times are subject to change

Visit our website at www.accessduarte.com for updated information

Duarte Public Safety Toy Drive

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Holiday of Promise

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Rotary Club’s Breakfast with Santa & Santa’s Workshop

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Holiday Tree Lighting & Fiesta

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Santa’s Holiday Party & Visits at Beardslee and Royal Oaks Park

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Teen Center Winter Holiday Festival

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MLK Jr. Beautification Project

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12th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Remembrance

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11th Annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day

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Youth Summit

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State of the City/School/Citrus College

Wednesday, February 27, 2013
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Cesar Chavez Volunteer Event

Saturday, March 23, 2013
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Parks Make Life Better!

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is proud to serve the Duarte community with a variety of parks, playgrounds, centers, events, programs and activities for all ages. Enjoy a visit to one of 13 beautiful local parks, have a picnic under a canopy of shady trees, exercise on the Duarte Bike Trail, or play sports on one of our many courts or fields!

The Duarte Fitness Center presents you and your family with an opportunity to swim or workout in a full service exercise facility. The Duarte Senior Center offers a variety of enjoyable activities for the young at heart including classes, special events, activities and sports. The Duarte Teen Center welcomes local teens at a wonderful facility that includes a computer lab, a game room, boxing gym, and many other activities.

There's a lot to enjoy in our City and the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is happy to provide you with the facilities and programs that our residents deserve. Remember, "Parks Make Life Better!"



Youth Special Events



Santa's Mailbox/Inbox

November 26 through December 13
Children ages 10 and younger

Santa's Mailbox will be located in front of the Recreation Department counter in City Hall. Letters may be deposited there Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. or mailed to 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010-2592, Attention: Santa Claus.

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

Santa's Visit to Beardslee and Royal Oaks Parks!

Wednesday, December 12
Beardslee Park from 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.
Royal Oaks Park from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Children ages 5-12
Duarte Community Center
1600 Huntington Drive

Santa will visit and hand out candy canes to all children at both locations.



Santa's Holiday Party

Date: Wednesday, December 12
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Ages: 5-12 years

Location: Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive
Get into the holiday spirit with this enchanting special event. There will be holiday games, special crafts, music, prizes, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus! RSVP by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931. Limited to the first 90 participants. FREE!

Holiday Lights Free Exchange - Before Santa's Party SCE customers can exchange an incandescent holiday light string for an LED string at no cost. Longer lasting, energy saving LED holiday lights! Stop by December 12 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Santa's Party. Presented by the SGV Council of Governments.

Santa's Hotline

Date: Tuesday, December 18
Time: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Children can call (626) 358-5425 and have a fun conversation with Santa Claus!

The Santa
HOTLINE



Recreation Classes

Registration Information*

Registration for the winter session begins December 3, 2012. Classes begin the week of January 7. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and will not be accepted after the second week of class. All fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. Please make checks payable to the City of Duarte.

*Classes are subject to change.

Three Ways to Register

1. Register in person at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
2. Register by phone with Visa, MasterCard or Discover for purchases over \$25 beginning Tuesday, December 4, (626) 357-7931.
3. Mail-in registrations may be sent to the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010-2592. Please include the participant's name, address, daytime telephone number, age, class, time, and class fee. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. (Registrations received prior to December 3 will be returned.)

NO REFUNDS or transfer of fees unless the class is cancelled by the department. **NOTE:** Small children may not remain in adult classes during instruction periods. Parents of children in classes will be allowed to observe the first and last class of the session only.

Class Locations

DP	Duarte Park	RDGC	Rancho Duarte
FC	Fitness Center		Golf Course
MAX	Maxwell Elementary	ROP	Royal Oaks Park
		SC	Senior Center

NEW CLASSES

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
CRITICAL READING AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION 6-week session. Will help students strengthen critical reading and writing skills. Learn to properly analyze a given text. Strategies and tools will be used to improve written expression. \$10 supply fee. Instructor provided by AGI Academy.						
Beg.	9-13	4:45-5:30 p.m.	Fri	DP	1/11-2/15	\$49
Beg.	9-13	4:45-5:30 p.m.	Fri	DP	2/22-3/29	\$49
GET FIT 8-week session. Aimed to promote physical fitness and training among homeschooled students. Develop natural strength to build healthy habits for a healthier lifestyle. Includes cardio vascular exercise and strength and flexibility training. Instructor is Johnny Mack.						
All	5-18	8:00-10:00 a.m.	Tue/Thu	ROP	1/8	\$112
INTRODUCTION TO JOURNALISM 6-week session. Will help promote strong writing skills, enhance multi-tasking, see issues from multiple perspectives, be aware of current events, and conduct research. Students will read newspaper articles, and write a basic news story. \$10 supply fee. Instructor provided by AGI Academy.						
Beg.	10-14	3:15-4:00 p.m.	Fri	DP	1/11-2/15	\$49
Beg.	10-14	3:15-4:00 p.m.	Fri	DP	2/22-3/29	\$49

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
MATH WORKSHOP - ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY STUDIES 6-week session. This class will help students better grasp the concepts of algebra and geometry. Mathematical concepts and applications will be taught. \$10 supply fee. Instructor provided by AGI Academy.						
Beg.	9-14	4:00-4:45 p.m.	Fri	DP	1/11-2/15	\$49
Beg.	9-14	4:00-4:45 p.m.	Fri	DP	2/22-3/29	\$49

YOUTH CLASSES

AMAZING ARTS 8-week session. Students will use gentle discards and recycled items to paint, sculpt, and make Amazing Art treasures. \$10 supply fee due at first class. Instructor is Mrs. Joy.						
Beg.	7-10	4:00-5:00 p.m.	Mon	DP	1/7	\$30
Beg.	7-11	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Tue	MAX	1/8	\$30
AMAZING ARTS II 8-week session. This intermediate painting class will explore painting composition by applying several different types of techniques. \$10 supply fee due to instructor at first class. Instructor is Mrs. Joy.						
Beg.	11-13	4:00-5:00 p.m.	Wed	DP	1/9	\$30



Sign up for ballet where your child can learn and make new friends!

BALLET 9-week session. Children will learn pliés, improve flexibility and balance, all while enjoying classical music and current hits. Instructor is Jovana Villegas.						
TT	3-4	9:30-10:00 a.m.	Sat	ROP	1/12	\$28
TT	3-4	10:00-10:30 a.m.	Sat	ROP	1/12	\$28
Jr.	5+	10:30-11:15 a.m.	Sat	ROP	1/12	\$32
COOKING THE FUN & HEALTHY WAY 6-week session. Children will learn to prepare great tasting meals that are good for them. At each class they will prepare a meal and go home with the recipes. Instructor is Gina Orozco.						
All	8-12	6:15-7:45 p.m.	Tue	SC	1/8	\$16
DANCE YOUR BUNS OFF (DYBO) 8-week session. Children will discover how to express themselves in rhythm, coordination, and gain great confidence while dancing the latest genre of jazz dance. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.						
All	3-4	2:30-3:00 p.m.	Wed	ROP	1/9	\$28
All	5-9	3:00-3:45 p.m.	Wed	ROP	1/9	\$35
All	10-13	4:00-4:45 p.m.	Wed	ROP	1/9	\$35
HOMEWORK HELPER 4 one-hour classes (\$55). Private tutoring for students grades K-12, all subjects, by appointment.						



Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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KARATE FOR TOTS 10-week session. This class is designed to develop eye-hand coordination, greater motor skills as well as self-discipline and respect for others. Children will work on tumbling, coordination and basic techniques through playful games associated with karate. Instructor is Sean Gilliland.

Beg.	4-5	3:45-4:30 p.m.	Tu/F	ROP	1/8	\$75
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MINI-PICASSOS 8-week session. This exciting course will explore different materials, methods, and ideas that will encourage individual expression and self-esteem. \$10 supply fee due first class. Instructor is Dino Corona.

Beg.	3-6	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Thu	DP	1/10	\$35
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TUMBLING 9-week session. This fun program helps develop motor skills and self-confidence while emphasizing safety. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

TT	3-4	3:30-4:00 p.m.	Thu	ROP	1/10	\$28
TT	3-4	4:00-4:30 p.m.	Thu	ROP	1/10	\$28
Jr.	5-6	4:30-5:15 p.m.	Thu	ROP	1/10	\$30
Beg.	7-13	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Thu	ROP	1/10	\$30

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP 8-week session. Learn basic techniques to create your own beautiful paintings. Color mixing, compositions, textures, using household materials, and other techniques will be taught. \$10 supply fee due to instructor. Instructor is Mrs. Joy.

Beg.	8-14	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Thu	DP	1/10	\$30
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FAMILY, YOUTH & CLASSES

COMPUTER SKILLS CHALLENGE 6-week session. This class will challenge you and teach you useful tools to get ahead in school or at work through improved computer skills. Students will receive hands on practice in Microsoft and Power Point. For beginners and experienced users. \$10 lab and supply fee. Instructor provided by AGI Academy.

All	8+	5:30-6:15 p.m.	Fri	DP	1/11-2/15	\$45
All	8+	5:30-6:15 p.m.	Fri	DP	2/22-3/29	\$45

CREATIVE CHESS 8-week session. Chess is a fun game that helps develop minds to think, see clearly, focus, analyze and prioritize. Tournament level helps you improve through competition; prizes will be given. Register two or more at \$40 each. \$5 fee due to instructor for workbook. Instructor is Joachim Van Leeuwen.

Tourn.	8+	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Fri	DP	1/11	\$50
All	8+	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Fri	DP	1/11	\$50

GOLF 4-week session. Group classes offered at Rancho Duarte Golf Course. Learn the fundamentals of golf including golf etiquette. Need to improve your game? Sign-up for the intermediate class. Unlimited range balls and club rental included.

Beg.	18+	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Wed	RDGC	1/9	\$65
Int.	18+	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Wed	RDGC	1/9	\$65
Family	All	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Sat	RDGC	1/12	\$65 ea.

GUITAR 8-week session. Class will introduce students to finger exercises, chords, chord progression, and strums. Students provide their own guitar. \$5 supply fee due to instructor at first class. Instructor is Juan Carlos Arias.

Beg.	9-13	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Wed	DP	1/9	\$55
Beg.	14+	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Wed	DP	1/9	\$55

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
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HIP-HOP DANCE 8-week session. Children will learn the exciting and energetic techniques of hip-hop that allows them to dance to any type of music. Instructor is Niesha Tucker.

All	5-8	5:15-5:45 p.m.	Mon	ROP	1/7	\$28
All	9+	6:00-6:45 p.m.	Mon	ROP	1/7	\$30

KARATE 10-week session. Karate offers an excellent workout, increasing flexibility and coordination. The instructor is Sensei Sean Gilliland. Universal Karate-do Association Shosei-kai.

Beg.	6-10	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Tu/F	ROP	1/8	\$75
Beg.-Adv.	11+	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Tu/F	ROP	1/8	\$75

RACQUETBALL 8-week session. Class will teach students the fundamentals of racquetball including scoring, serving, and body positioning. This is a great indoor sport that can burn up to 800+ calories per hour! Safety glasses, racquet and can of balls are needed. Instructor is Ernie Valdes.

Beg.	9+	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Sat	FC	1/12	\$38
Adv.	9+	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Sat	FC	1/12	\$38

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

Beg./Int.	8+	3:30-6:00 p.m.	Tue	DP	1/8	\$65
Beg./Int.	18+	11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Sat	DP	1/12	\$65

VOCAL CLASSES 4-week session. The instructor will teach you the foundation of singing, breathing, range, rhythm and more through the use of popular contemporary music. \$10 supply fee due to instructor. Instructor is Josephine Chu.

Beg.	5-12	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Mon	DP	1/7-1/28	\$40
Beg.	13+	6:00-6:45 p.m.	Mon	DP	1/7-1/28	\$40
Beg.	5-12	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Mon	DP	2/4-2/25	\$40
Beg.	13+	6:00-6:45 p.m.	Mon	DP	2/4-2/25	\$40

ONGOING CLASS



Folklorico participants enjoy learning traditional Mexican dances!

FOLKLORICO CLUB Georgina Orozco will introduce you to the beautiful dances from Mexico. Get a good work out while learning the basic steps and techniques. This is a fun cultural class for boys, girls, and parents. Hard soled shoes required. Register by the 7th of each month.

Beg.	5-7	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Wed	ROP		\$10
Beg.	8-10	6:15-7:15 p.m.	Wed	ROP		\$10
Adv.	8+	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Wed	ROP		\$10

Adult Recreation Classes & Sports

ADULT CLASSES

Class	Age	Time	Day	Site	Date	Fee
BELLY DANCING 8-week session. Instructor Tavanna will introduce the ancient art of dancing. Strengthen your back and stomach muscles, improve your flexibility, stamina, and reduce tension.						
Beg.	18+	7:10-8:10 p.m.	Mon	ROP	1/7	\$35
MINI BOOT CAMP 10-week session. These 20-minute workouts consist of fast paced basic callisthenic exercises that help build cardio and strength. This is a great lunch break workout. Instructor is Shelly Amaro. \$2 daily drop-in fee.						
All	18+	12:15-12:35 p.m.	Mon	FC	1/7	\$15
All	18+	12:15-12:35 p.m.	Thu	FC	1/10	\$15
POLYNESIAN DANCE 8-week session. Instructor Tavanna will teach the dances of Hawaii including the exciting hip action dance of Tahiti and the twirling of the poi balls of New Zealand. Sign up with family or friends for added fun.						
Beg.	18+	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Tue	DP	1/8	\$35
SALSA 8-week session. This class introduces the distinctive Latin dance rhythm of Salsa. Basic steps and variations will be taught. A partner is suggested, but not required. Instructor is Oscar Penalzoza.						
Beg.	18+	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Thu	ROP	1/10	\$35
YOGA 8-week session. Class focuses on stretching, breathing and learning the names and fundamental poses of yoga. This is a perfect class for reducing stress and gaining mobility. Bring your own mat. Instructor is Dianne Cahir.						
All	18+	6:15-7:15 p.m.	Thu	ROP	1/10	\$50
All	18+	8:00-9:00 a.m.	Sat	ROP	1/12	\$50
ZUMBA FITNESS 6-week session. Zumba is a mix of body sculpting movements with easy to follow Latin dance steps. Each class consists of a warm-up, main routine, and cool down. This is an exciting fat burning class. Instructor is Stephanie Martinez.						
Beg.	18+	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Tue	ROP	1/8-2/12	\$30
Beg.	18+	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Tue	ROP	2/19-3/26	\$30
Int.	18+	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Fri	ROP	1/11-2/15	\$30
Int.	18+	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Fri	ROP	2/22-3/29	\$30

Youth Boxing Program

This is an excellent program to help boys and girls ages 8-17, develop their self-esteem and self-discipline. Our knowledgeable coaches are here to teach the fundamentals of boxing, while developing footwork, speed, and upper body strength.



The training program will also help children gain physical flexibility, stamina, and coordination. The Duarte Teen Center gym is open Monday through Friday. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each student. Non-resident fee is \$20 per month. Register at the Duarte Teen Center.

Adult/Youth Sports "Major League Softball"

This sports league organization provides men's, women's and coed leagues. For further information contact Major League Softball at (818) 559-8787, ext. 3 or online at www.mlsoftball.com

Basketball for Boys & Girls

Separate boys and girl's leagues provide children with a fun and exciting experience. Practices begin January 7, 2013.

Division A Born in 1999 - 2000

Division B Born in 2001 - 2002

Division C Born in 2003 - 2004

Sign Ups: Monday – Thursday at City Hall and all park sites beginning December 3

Fee: \$30 (includes a uniform shirt)

Practice Sites

Andres Duarte School	1433 Crestfield Drive
Beardslee Park	2000 Buena Vista Street
Northview Park	1433 Highland Avenue
Royal Oaks Park	2627 Royal Oaks Drive
Valley View School	237 Melcanyon Road

Little All Stars Basketball for Boys & Girls

Little All Stars is an exciting non-competitive variation of basketball especially suited for young players.

Dates: League begins in February

Location: Northview Gym, 1401 Highland Avenue

Ages: Group 1 – Ages 4 & 5

Group 2 – Ages 6 & 7

Sign Ups: Begin Monday, December 3 at City Hall

Fee: \$30 (includes a uniform shirt)

Duarte's Youth & Family Master Plan Helping Duarte's Families and Youth

Duarte's Youth & Family Master Plan is a community vision that is committed to meeting the changing needs of our youth and families. It includes goals of ensuring that our youth and families feel safe and have available access to health services, that programs and services are evolving and beneficial, that youth feel connected to the community, that culture and diversity are valued, and that education and skill development are encouraged.



The ultimate objective of the master plan is for it to serve as a guide, created by the community itself, which will be used to impact the lives of all Duarte residents. Because of this master plan, Duarte will always focus on seeing youth and families prospering in all areas of their lives. Individuals and families will be healthy, goal oriented, productive members of a well-rounded, peaceful and safe community. For more information or to get involved, please call Cesar Monsalve, Director of Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.

Fitness Center

The facility includes two racquetball/wallyball courts, aerobic area, and fully equipped exercise room, a 25-yard competition pool, training pool, shower and locker facilities. Gift certificates are available for memberships and merchandise.

All sales are final. There are no refunds unless class/activity is cancelled by the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department. For more information call (626) 357-6118.



The Fitness Center will be closed December 24, 25, 31 & January 1

Club Memberships

Memberships are on sale the entire month of December!

Cash Discount Prices

	Resident	Sale	Base	Sale
Racquetball/Exercise/Aerobics	\$160	\$128	\$220	\$176
Aquatics/Exercise/Aerobics	\$160	\$128	\$220	\$176
Total Facility/Individual	\$220	\$176	\$295	\$236
Total Facility/Family	\$320	\$256	\$420	\$336

Corporate membership rates available

We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover for purchases over \$25

Day and Times

Holiday Hours Subject to Change

Exercise Room/Aerobics

Weekdays

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Aerobic and Zumba Schedule

Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Zumba held Wednesdays 5:15 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Non-Member Individual Fees

Racquetball/Wallyball

Court Fee	\$6/hr.
Court Maximum Fee	\$24/hr.
No Show Penalty	\$10/hr. (Members also)
Adults (16+)	\$5
Senior/Handicapped	\$4

Personal Trainer

By Appointment	\$30/hr.
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Duarte Recreation Facilities

1. Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive
2. Fitness Center, 1600 Huntington Drive
3. Senior/Community Center, 1610 Huntington Drive
4. Teen Center, 1400 Buena Vista Street

Park and Facility Rentals

The City of Duarte has various size buildings, including the Community Center, Royal Oaks Park Building and the Duarte Teen Center that are available for rent for private or non-profit functions. Additionally, picnic gazebos can now be rented.

Duarte Teen Center, 1400 Buena Vista Street

The Teen Center is available to rent for parties, events and activities on Saturdays and Sundays. This is the perfect setting for a birthday party or a fun meeting! Renters will be able to enjoy a game room with pool tables, foosball, Ping-Pong, arcade games, a wide screen TV and a large outdoor patio with gas barbecue grill. Also included is a large 80 person capacity multi-purpose meeting room, perfect for retreats, meetings, or parties. Take your event to another level!



Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive

The beautiful Duarte Community Center at City Hall is available to rent for receptions, parties and more. This 150 person capacity facility includes a stage, kitchen, dance floor, ice machine, and portable mini bar.

Royal Oaks Park Building, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive

This recently restored beautiful facility has an 80-person capacity and includes AC/Heating, a private restroom, and is located within the beautiful, tree shaded Royal Oaks Park that includes tennis and basketball courts and a large playground. This facility is perfect for birthdays, showers, meetings, and more.

Encanto Park and Royal Oaks Park Picnic Gazebos

Gazebos at Royal Oaks and Encanto Parks are available for rent. Small gazebos include a small barbecue grill, gazebo shelter and picnic table. One larger gazebo is located at the Royal Oaks Park Extension and includes a large gazebo shelter, two picnic tables and a dual picnic barbecue grill. These are perfect settings for a birthday party or picnic. Don't get left without a spot for your event! Rent one or more gazebos now!

Also available on a rental basis are lighted softball and baseball fields, lighted tennis courts, multi-purpose fields and the Duarte Fitness Center pools.

For information on rental policies and fees, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

Teen Activities & Family Events

Family Events

Holiday Tree Lighting and Fiesta

Thursday, December 6
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (Tree lighting 8:00 p.m.)
Duarte Senior Center
Dinner: \$6 per person

Join the fun as Duartees light the City's official living Christmas tree. Enjoy musical entertainment, crafts, games, and a visit from Santa! Dine on a delicious traditional tamale dinner and then kick off the holidays with the tree lighting!

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

Saturday, December 1
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Duarte Community Center

\$4 per adult, \$2 per child (10 & under)
Santa will be there for photos and fun! Breakfast presented by the Duarte Rotary Club. After breakfast, make decorations for your Christmas tree and the holidays. Tickets available at the door.

4th Annual Duarte's Biggest Loser

January 7 – March 4 (8 weeks)
Duarte Fitness Center

Join us as we try to shed those extra holiday pounds. Simply weigh in on Mondays, eat right, and exercise. We will keep track of your weight loss. The Biggest Losers can win great prizes. FREE!

Duarte Family Walking Club

January 5 – March 9 (10 weeks)
Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.
Duarte Fitness Center,
Royal Oaks Park and Encanto Park

This is a fantastic opportunity for the whole family to get active. Meet new people and explore neighborhoods, parks and trails in our city. The first 100 registered participants will receive a pedometer.

This activity is a collaborative effort between the Duarte Community Education Foundation and the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department. Registration begins December 3 at the Fitness Center. FREE!

Duarte Teen Center
1400 Buena Vista Street
(626) 303-0863

Monday – Friday, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Teen Center is available for all high school students with a school ID card. Holiday and special event hours are subject to change.



Computer Lab

Monday through Friday, 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Free use to all teens registered at the Teen Center. Take advantage of the computer lab at the Teen Center. The lab is a great place to enhance your computer skills, learn new programs, chat on the Internet, do school work, research colleges, or play various games.

Youth@Work Intern Program

Want work experience, on the job training, networking and relationship building with future employers? The City of Duarte has positions available for high school students. Application deadline is Friday, January 25. Space is limited and interviews will be held on Wednesday, January 30. Contact the Teen Center for more information.

Special Activities

Birthday Tuesday

On the first Tuesday of each month we'll celebrate the birthdays of all the teens registered at the Teen Center that month. A small gift will be given to the teen, and there will be cake for all.

Drama Club

The Drama Club meets once a week on Fridays from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. Membership Fee - \$5 every six months

Girls Night Out

This program is for girls grades 9-12. Participants discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self-esteem, relation-

ships and much more. The group meets Tuesdays from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. December 18, January 8 & 22 and February 5 & 19. Free!

Nutrition/Cooking Class

Learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends! Class meets once a week on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. \$2 per class

Work it Out!

Come join the Teen Center staff on Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. for "Work it Out" a new fitness program for teens. Video workouts, walking excursions, circuit training, and nutrition tips. Come and get fit with friends!

Special Events

Winter Holiday Festival

Date: Wednesday, December 19
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$2

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

Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest

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

Teen Cultural Awareness Training

Date: Wednesday, February 6
Time: 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: Free!

This activity-based training is designed for youth ages 14-18. Participants will explore cultural differences, discuss respecting and honoring diversity, and examine personal attitudes in regards to intolerance.

Teen Trip

Movie and Mall Trip

Date: Thursday, March 7
(early release DHS)
Time: 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$10

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

Adult Excursions & Senior Classes

Duarte Senior Center

Open to Seniors 55 & Older, Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
1610 Huntington Drive (626) 357-3513

Adult Excursions

Registration for all excursions is held at Duarte City Hall beginning December 3 at 7:30 a.m. We accept Visa and MasterCard for purchases over \$25.

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Presents "An American Christmas" & "Treasures of the Walt Disney Archives" Exhibition

Thursday, January 3
8:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
\$42 (Lunch on your own)

Spend a memorable day learning about the events that shaped history during President Reagan's 8 years in the White House. "An American Christmas" will feature 26 trees decorated to celebrate the defining moments of America's road to greatness. "Treasures of the Walt Disney Archives" exhibition will feature more than 500 artifacts from nearly nine decades of Disney history - over 50% of which have never been seen by the public.

Covina Center for the Performing Arts "Honky Tonk Angels"

Friday, February 1
4:45 - 11:00 p.m.
\$65 (Dinner included)

Over 30 country classic tunes combine with a hilarious story about three good ole gals who follow their dreams to Nashville by the creator of "Always...Patsy Cline." This charming, foot-stomping musical has played to sold-out audiences across the country.

Laughlin Riverside Resort and Casino

3 days and 2 nights (Must be 21 years of age or older)
Tuesday, March 12, 9:00 a.m. - Thursday, March 14, 6:00 p.m.
\$110 per person (double occupancy); \$140 per person (single occupancy)
This three-day, two-night trip will allow you plenty of time for sightseeing, gambling, and

relaxation. There will be meal stops. Meals in Laughlin include one breakfast buffet and one "your choice" buffet (breakfast, lunch or dinner.)

NO REFUNDS: In the event of a participant cancellation, an attempt will be made to fill the spot from the waiting list. If successful, the participant will receive a gift certificate equal to the amount of the trip minus a \$10 service charge.

Adult Extended Excursion

Southern Charm

May 12 - 18, 2013
(7 days, 9 meals)
\$1,999 - (If booked by December 12, 2012) Based on double occupancy
\$2,199 - (After December 12, 2012) Based on double occupancy
(Includes deluxe hotel accommodations and round trip airfare)
Excursion will feature Charleston, Savannah & Jekyll Island

A Taste of Travel

Tuesday, December 4, 1:00 p.m.
Get a preview of the Southern Charm trip. Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 or sign up at the front desk to reserve your space. (Refreshments Included)

Duarte Senior Center

Hot Lunches

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday - Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513. Suggested donation \$2

Access Transportation

A transportation alternative for individuals with disabilities. For eligibility or further information call (800) 827-0829.

Meals on Wheels

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For

more information, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 or Intervale at (626) 214-9465.

How to Make Medicare Work For You - 2nd Thursday and 4th Friday of the month by appointment. FREE!

FREE Blood Pressure Checks

The 2nd Tuesday of every month a nurse from Health-Care Partners will check your blood pressure.

Ongoing FREE Classes

Ceramics Tue., 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Students must purchase their own supplies.

Guitar Tue., 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Knitting Mon., 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Spanish (Beginning) Mondays & Wed., 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Spanish (Intermediate) Thu., 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Tai Chi Fri., 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Walking Group Wed., 9:00 a.m.

Watercolor Mon., 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Students must purchase their own supplies.

Classes

Registration begins December 3 at 9:00 a.m. Classes begin the week of January 7.

Art Appreciation Fri., 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. \$40/10-weeks

Cardio Dance Tue., 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. \$12/8-week session

Chair Yoga Mon., 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. \$24/8-weeks

Cross Fit Wed., 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. \$12/10-weeks

Exercise With Shelly Mon. & Fri., 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. \$20 /10-weeks

Get Fit Mon., Wed. & Fri., 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Class combines Cross Fit & Exercise with Shelly. \$27/10-weeks

How to Write Your Own Life's Story Mon., 9:00 - 10:45 a.m. \$40 /10-weeks

Music Appreciation Fri., 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. \$40/10-weeks

Piano/Keyboard Thu., 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. \$50/10-weeks

Sewing Mon., 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Limited to the first six people to arrive. \$2 per class.

Strength Training Mon. & Thu. or Tue. & Thu., 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Held at the Duarte Fitness Center. \$70/10-weeks

Western Line Dance (Beginning) Thu., 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. \$35/10-weeks

Yoga Thu., 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. \$24/8-weeks

Activities

A.A.R.P. Driver Safety Program (8-hour course)
Tuesday, January 29 and Thursday, January 31
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
\$12 for members; \$14 for non-members

The class is conducted by A.A.R.P. at the Duarte Senior Center. Attendance required at both sessions. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates age 55 and older. Payment required at registration. For any questions, call (626) 357-3513.

Bingo Tue., 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. 25 cents per card

Bunco First Wed. of the month, 12:45 - 2:45 p.m. Sponsored by the Duarte Woman's Club. Win prizes and meet new people. RSVP to (626) 357-3513. \$1 per person

Cesar Chavez Volunteer Day

The 8th Annual Cesar Chavez Volunteer Project, sponsored by Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth and The BeGroup, will kickoff at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2013 on the grounds of Westminster Gardens located at 1420 Santo Domingo in the City of Duarte.



A continental breakfast and lunch provided by Westminster Gardens and bottled water donated by the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will keep volunteers well fed and refreshed as they complete a variety of beautification projects on the campus.

For more information or to volunteer for the project call Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

City of Hope and City of Duarte Partner On Military Banner Program

Duarte residents with family members currently serving in the military will have the opportunity to honor their loved one's service in the United States Armed Forces with a Military Recognition banner placed along the City's main corridor, Huntington Drive.



Thanks to the City of Hope, the first 30 military personnel who complete a program application and provide necessary verification documents are deemed eligible for a free banner. Additional banners may be purchased or sponsored for \$155 each.

Applications are available on the City's website, www.accessduarte.com, and at City Hall. Completed applications must include a copy of the military personnel I.D. along with a California I.D. or a utility bill showing a Duarte address of the military service member or his or her immediate family member. Immediate family members are considered spouse, parents, children or grandchildren. For additional information, call Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

Youth Summit Set For February 23

The Cities of Duarte and Monrovia will co-host their annual Duarte/Monrovia Youth Leadership Summit on Saturday, February 23, 2013. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Duarte Performing Arts Center, 1401 Highland Ave, Duarte. Registration is free. To make a reservation, call Marilyn Mays (626) 303-0863 or email maysm@accessduarte.com



Groundhog Job Shadow Day

More than 150 Duarte students and businesspersons will have the opportunity to spend a day learning and sharing about a variety of careers during the 11th annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day slated for February 7, 2013. The program, sponsored by the Duarte Unified School District, Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth and the City of Hope, allows students to shadow adult mentors as they go about their normal work day in numerous careers including banking, healthcare, politics, education, and journalism, among others.



Duarte's Groundhog Job Shadow Day kicks off with an opening ceremony and breakfast for students and mentors at 7:30 a.m. in the Duarte Community Center. After spending the next several hours together on the job, students and mentors will return to the Community Center for a luncheon, networking raffles and a guest speaker. For more information, contact Duarte's Promise at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

Martin Luther King Jr. Communiy Remembrance

A major theme in the life of the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was to urge people to join hands and work together for positive change. For the twelfth year, Duarte youth, members of both the City Council and School Boards, along with other community members will honor King's legacy during a special assembly at the Duarte Performing Arts Center. This event will take place on January 17, 2013 at the Duarte Performing Arts Center.



The event will consist of great speakers, performances, and the announcement of the annual MLK Essay contest winner. Along with the remembrance, the City and the Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley will also conduct a beautification event at the new Duarte High School Stadium on January 9, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information, contact Duarte's Promise at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

2012-13 Mid-Year Budget Process

The 2012-13 mid-year budget presentation is scheduled for the February 12th City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. The presentation will be part of the regularly scheduled meeting and will take place in the Community Center located at 1600 Huntington Drive. For additional information, contact the Administrative Services Department at (626) 357-7931, ext. 211.

Multi-Family Recycling Roll-Out a Success!

The Duarte City Council voted unanimously in April of this year to approve a mandatory multi-family recycling program by Burrtec Waste Services to all eligible 5-unit and larger dwellings in the City. To date, 60 buildings have been contacted, 44 are recycling with 5 committed to an upcoming roll out date for a glowing success rate of 82%.



Participating properties have been provided at no-cost specialized recycling bins for the collection of all paper, plastic, glass, cardboard, and metal products. Ongoing resident education as well as program monitoring has also been provided.

The City encourages all of its multi-family properties to participate in this important program. Properties that qualify for the new program include apartments, condos, and townhomes in which residents share a common refuse bin. This program will help conserve natural resources, and can reduce your monthly trash bill.

Interested property owners may contact the City at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221 for further information.

Vulcan Update

The City of Duarte filed an appeal on August 5, 2011 with the State Court of Appeals in the ongoing battle to save Van Tassel Ridge from being destroyed by a massive Vulcan Materials Company mining expansion. The project was first approved by the City of Azusa in 2010. Duarte's lawsuit, filed in August 2010 and originally heard in late March 2011, was denied by the Superior Court on May 9, 2011.



The City has recently received notice through our City Attorney's Office that the oral argument for the City's ongoing appeal will take place on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the 2nd District Court of Appeal located in downtown Los Angeles. Staff will be in attendance.

State of the City/School District/Community College

The Mayor of Duarte will present an assessment of the State of the City and the Duarte Unified School Board will report on the State of the School District at a luncheon on Wednesday, February 27 presented by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the City of Hope, Cooper Auditorium, 1500 E. Duarte Road.

For more information and reservations, call Duarte Chamber of Commerce, (626) 357-3333 or buy them online at duartechamber.com under the "Events" section on the homepage.

Two Easy Ways to Dispose of Used Motor Oil and Filters

1. Request curbside pick-up through Burrtec Waste Services. Used motor oil and filter pick-ups take place on trash day, and must be scheduled at least one day in advance. This service is available to single-family homes. Up to three free collections may be requested per calendar year. Contact Burrtec at (800) 325-9417.
2. Deliver used motor oil and filters to a certified collection center. Four collection centers exist in the City. Be sure to contact centers for hours of operation and quantities accepted.



AutoZone

1346 Huntington Drive
(626) 357-0554

Advantage Ford

1031 E. Central Avenue
(626) 359-9689

Goodyear Tire

1098 Huntington Drive
(626) 358-2591

Performance Nissan

1434 Buena Vista Street
(626) 305-3000

Free drain containers are available to Duarte residents. Containers are reusable, and have a capacity of 10 quarts. To obtain a container, stop by Duarte City Hall, or contact Burrtec at (800) 325-9417.

Celebrate the Holidays by Giving

Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth, the Duarte Neighborhood Watch Program, along with local churches, businesses, schools and non-profits are teaming up to ensure a joyous Holiday season for hundreds of Duarte area families. Last year, approximately 2500 cans and boxed foods, 1600 toys, and 175 personal items were collected through their respective endeavors. All donations of new, unwrapped toys, canned food and personal items can be delivered to any of the dozens of participating sites throughout the City from November 19 through December 10, 2012.



The City provides two different, fun-filled and easy ways to give. The Neighborhood Watch Toy Drive encourages residents to give through neighborhood parties. The drive creates the perfect opportunity to have a gathering, get to know your new and long time neighbors, and collect for those in need while sharing neighborhood information.

Deputies can also attend your gathering and collect toys while providing important information on the citywide Neighborhood Watch program. For more information on how to organize your own Neighborhood Watch, please contact Aida Torres at (626) 359-5671 or at a2torres@lasd.org.



Annually, the "Holiday of Promise" project collects food, personal items and toy donations to help fill holiday baskets for less fortunate families in Duarte and surrounding County area. The Duarte Community Service Council in partnership with the Duarte Emblem Club, Duarte Elks, and the Foothill Unity Center annually distribute holiday baskets to families the week before Christmas. With these efforts, locally these organizations will help over 500 Duarte families.

For more information about the Holiday of Promise, call Duarte's Promise at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

Storm Preparation Tips

The City of Duarte averages 15 inches of rainfall annually, with the concentration occurring in the months of February and March. Winter storms have the potential to cause damage to homes. A well prepared home will reduce property damage and provide security from winter storms.

Homeowners are reminded to inspect their properties and make all necessary repairs to the drainage systems. The City recommends the following tips:

- Check and repair roofing.
- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Remove debris from drainage pipes and bench drains.
- Trim hazardous tree branches away from your home.
- Prepare for potential power outages by checking flashlights.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Community Development Department Public Works Division at (626) 357-7931, ext. 233. Additional information can be obtained from the California Emergency Management Agency web link at <http://www.calema.ca.gov/PlanningandPreparedness/Pages/Storms.aspx>.



Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension December 2012 Update

Foothill Extension, Pasadena to Azusa Update:

After more than a year of focused design work for the 11.5-mile light rail extension, residents and businesses throughout

Duarte will begin to see construction for the "Alignment" work starting in late 2012. In November, crews began clearing the train corridor in the city of Duarte in preparation for construction of the station.

Construction of the Duarte Station began in mid-November and will be ongoing through May 2013. Activities include grading and excavation, concrete structure installation and utility installation and more. In early 2013, work will begin on the grade crossing at Highland Avenue and will last approximately one month. The Duarte Station is located on Duarte Road near Highland Avenue and across from the City of Hope.

The Construction Authority is working closely with the city and City of Hope to coordinate the work to be performed on the city streets to minimize impacts as much as possible. However, you should be prepared that work is going to be impactful and we encourage you to sign up at www.foothillextension.org to receive construction notices. Notices will provide advanced warning of active construction locations.

For questions, call the Foothill Extension Community Hotline at (626) 324-7098.

Nextdoor Promotion Offers \$500 Block Party

Win a \$500 block party for your neighborhood! Here's how you can do it. To promote increased membership in the recently launched Nextdoor.com private social network for Duarte neighborhoods, the City and Nextdoor.com are co-sponsoring a membership contest now through December 31. Neighborhoods that increase membership by a set target based on current membership will win the \$500 block party grand prize. The top inviter in each neighborhood will get a \$5 Starbucks gift card.



A total of 12 Duarte neighborhoods are already taking advantage of the opportunity to connect with their neighbors through the Nextdoor network. More than 360 residents have signed on as members of their neighborhood website. For additional information about Nextdoor visit www.nextdoor.com or contact the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext 221.

Help Veterans "Get Back to Work"

The City of Duarte and Duarte businesses will partner with the National Employment Council to offer a free six-week training program, to help unemployed military veterans connect with employers and get back to work.

The six-week training co-sponsored by Best Jobs Magazine will be held on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive, beginning December 5, 2012. Training will be provided by Farhad (Fred) Omidar (Omid), director of the National Employment Council who will incorporate computer and internet access in this program. The program will be kicked off on November 28 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., with a reception at the Community Center where local businesses and potential participants can learn about the program. The Get Back to Work Now service is free to both job seekers and employers. For more information about the program, contact: Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

Duarte to Co-Host Pasadena NAACP's 2013

The Pasadena Branch of the NAACP will for the third year participate in a local competition of the NAACP's Afro Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) for African-American youth. Students interested in participating in the ACT-SO competition and adult professionals interested in serving as a volunteer mentor should attend an ACTSO informational/kick-off meeting on December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Duarte Teen Center. The local competition will take place at the Duarte Senior Center on April 27, 2013.

For more information, contact Marilyn Mays at (626) 303-0863. Youth who achieve a gold medal in their category will proceed to compete in the Nationals to be held in July, during the 104th NAACP Convention in Orlando, Florida.



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The Public Safety News provides residents with pertinent information primarily on Neighborhood Watch issues. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life through education and community participation.

Red Ribbon Week 2012

The City of Duarte celebrated its annual Red Ribbon Week event during October 20th- 27th kicking off with an all day celebration at the Duarte Teen Center on Saturday.



Youth from volunteer programs including CHYLL and DART marched down Huntington Drive and tied a red ribbon on each tree to remind all residents about the importance of a Drug Free Life. After all their hard work the kids decorated pumpkins and enjoyed dance and karaoke contests at the Teen Center conducted by THINK Together's Lights On Program. There was also a special Juvenile Justice Class provided by La County Probation.

Special thanks goes out to all participants, volunteers and the following sponsors: Cabrera's Mexican Restaurant, SCE Federal Credit

Union and most of all, the Red Ribbon Week coordinators who made sure students on campus got involved. The event was made possible by a grant from the Mental Health Service Act facilitated through the CEO Gang Reduction Initiative, and with the help of special partners THINK Together and the Duarte Community Service Council.



The following contests winners deserve special recognition:

Classroom Poster Winners

Andres Duarte Elementary
Andres Duarte Elementary
Beardslee Elementary
Maxwell Elementary
Royal Oaks Elementary

Cindy Mitchell's Class
Reyna Gutierrez's Class
Carrie Chiu's Class
Johna Stienstra's Class
Sandie Fender's Class

Northview Intermediate Contest Winners

Essay Contest
Art Contest

Lisette Leon & Lindsay Lathrop
Isabella Zadian & Kalina Jenkins Gittens

High School Contest Winners

Essay Contest
First Place
Second Place
Third Place

Joanna Martinez,
Ulises Aquino
Daniela Hernandez

Poster Contest

Kevin Sierra & Christian Escobar

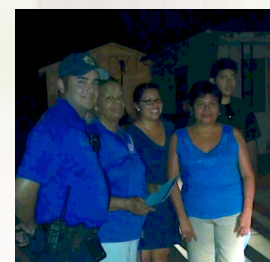
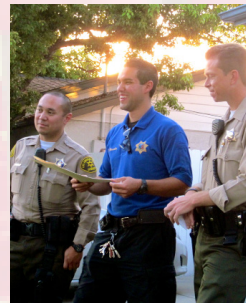
National Night Out 2012

Special thanks to the following Neighborhood Watch Volunteers who helped make National Night Out 2012 bigger and better than ever!



Amberwood Homes
Andres Duarte Area
Bashor Street
Buena Vista Team
Calle Malaga
Chesson Street
Chimes Avenue
Citrusview Avenue
Clarkview Drive
Conata Street
Duarte Mesa
Elda Street
Fairwood Street
First Street
Fish Canyon Road
Markwood Street
Melcanyon Road

Miltonwood Avenue
Oakhaven Drive
San Pablo Way
Santa Maria Circle
Second Street
Sunnydale Drive
Swiss Trails
Tocino Drive
Van Tassel Way
Vista Mesa Circle
Westvale Road



Holiday Safety Tips

The Duarte Public Safety Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff Department would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. This is the season that brings us joy and excitement to share with our loved ones.

Duarte Public Safety and the L.A. Sheriff's Department also wishes to remind us all to take extra precautions during this festive holiday season. Many criminals think of the holidays as a time when distracted shoppers with extra cash on hand fill our stores and houses are unoccupied for extended periods of time. Others may view this as a great time to plan the next "charity scam."

Don't give a thief a chance this year. Please exercise extra caution during this special season. Trust your instincts. If something does not look or feel right, it probably isn't. Remember, public safety doesn't take a holiday.

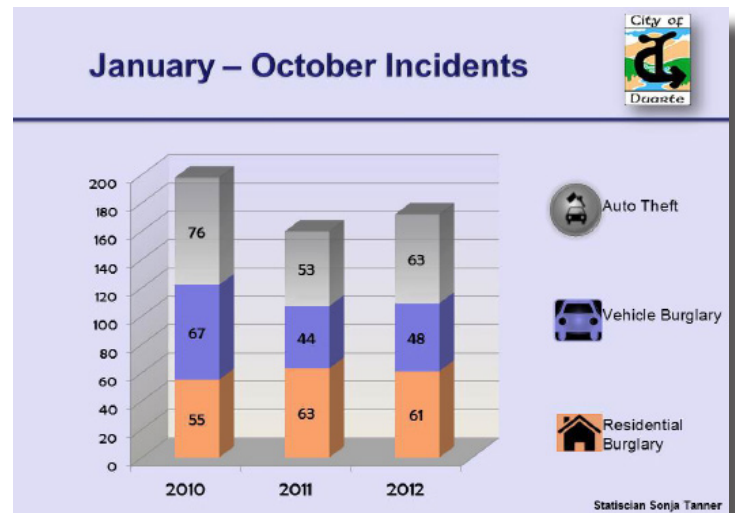
While Holiday Shopping

- Park your vehicle in a highly visible well-lit space.
- Lock your vehicle both when driving and when parked.
- Leave shopping bags and all valuables out of sight.
- Always know where you are parked, so you don't spend unnecessary time walking around the parking lot.
- Have your car keys in your hand and be ready to open the car door immediately.
- Look inside your car before entering.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash – use a check or credit card.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages. This will help deter pick-pockets or purse snatchers.

- If followed – don't drive home. Go to a police station, fire house, gas station or public place.
- If your car breaks down, stay with the car and accept NO rides. If someone stops to help, ask them to call the police.
- Use a cell phone if available. Keep vehicle well maintained and gassed up.

While Out For the Evening

- Turn on lights, a television or radio so that it appears that someone is home.
- Secure all doors and windows
- Always set your alarm system even if you're only gone for a few minutes.
- Holiday gifts should not be displayed where they can be seen from the outside the home.

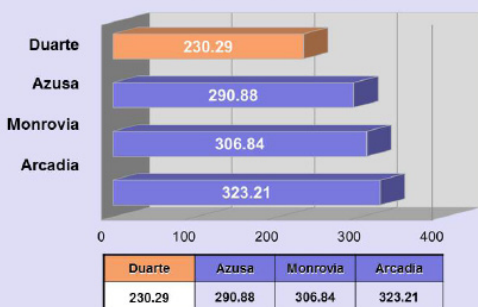


ATMs and ATM Cards

- Stay alert.
- Be aware of your surroundings when you use an ATM, especially at night. It's best to park in a well-lighted area and have someone accompany you.
- Report suspicious people. If you notice anything unusual, cancel your transaction, pocket your card and leave immediately. Go to a safe place and call the police if you suspect dangerous or illegal activity.
- Be prepared. To complete your transaction safely, fill out deposit forms and have your card ready before arriving at the ATM. When you've completed your transaction, pocket your card and cash immediately. Count the cash later.
- Guard your ATM card as carefully as you do cash, checks and credit cards.
- Never give account numbers or card information over the phone.
- Keep Your Personal Identification Number (PIN) secret. Don't write your PIN on your card or keep the number in your wallet. Memorize your number and do not tell anyone what it is – even family members or bank employees.
- Lastly, always remember that gasoline and alcohol don't mix. DUI/Driver License checkpoints throughout the City will help to keep us all safe during the holidays.

Safety Ranking

Crime Rate per Capita (10,000)



Holiday Travel

- Ask a neighbor to watch your house while out of town.
- Use automatic timers for your lights.
- Stop your mail and newspaper deliveries.
- Notify the Public Safety Office (626) 357-7938 and leave a number where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

Hook'd and Book'd

On Monday, September 3rd, while on patrol at around 4:00 a.m., Sergeants Moreno and Morsi saw a 19 year old male Hispanic who appeared to be reaching in the driver's side of a parked vehicle.

The suspect was detained pending a vehicle burglary investigation. Deputy Fulkerson assisted in the investigation and questioning which revealed that two other vehicles in the area were also burglarized. The suspect admitted to forcing down the windows of the three vehicles and stealing items inside them. The victims were located and the stolen items, which included a watch, the face plate of a car stereo, and a car stereo remote control, were all returned to their respective owners. The suspect was booked on charges of vehicle burglary and taken into custody.

For immediate Deputy assistance and dispatch, call Temple Sheriff Station at (626) 285-7171. Report suspicious activity to Duarte Sergeant Tony Haynes (626) 359-5671, ext. 304. If you would like to leave an *Anonymous Tip* call our hotline at (626) 359-5671, ext. 462. Please be ready to leave a detailed message.

Duarte Awarded Gang Prevention Grant

The City of Duarte has been awarded a \$334,332 competitive state grant under the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program to sustain its gang prevention and intervention programs. The grant period is from January, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

A portion of the grant will provide the Duarte Prevention and Intervention Program with the funds necessary to continue the services of Los Angeles County Probation and the Sheriff's Departments despite recent budget cuts that threatened the program.

Funds will also support the Duarte Public Safety and Teen Center youth outreach programs, including the Duarte Boxing Gym, and two Duarte partner organizations, the Santa Anita Family YMCA and THINK Together. The organizations support Duarte families with after-school care and positive summer programs and assist law enforcement in prevention efforts by providing youth with close supervision and positive alternatives. The grant funds will enable the YMCA and THINK Together to expand their services and provide even more positive pro-social activities to Duarte youth.

New Helmets For Only \$5

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



All helmets will be properly fitted. A parent or guardian must accompany the child. For more information, call (626) 359-5671, ext. 316 or email A2Torres@lasd.org.

Deputy Spotlight

School Resource Officer, Deputy Robert MacLean has been working as Duarte's School Resource Deputy for six years. Prior to this assignment, he patrolled the City of Duarte for nearly six years. His current assignment consists of pro-actively working with the Duarte Unified School District 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 youth volunteer program, Duarte Area Resource Team, D.A.R.T.



MacLean began his law enforcement career after pursuing a Bachelors degree in Cross Cultural Communication from Pacific Christian College in Fullerton, CA. On a typical day his assignments range from teaching a Law Enforcement class to teenagers to investigating criminal behavior in the schools. He has served

with the Los Angeles Sheriff Department for 18 years. He started his career at Men's Central Jail in Downtown Los Angeles for six years before he received patrol training at Temple Station. His training took place in South El Monte, Rosemead, Pasadena, San Gabriel, and Temple City communities. Deputy MacLean received Duarte's Outstanding Service to Youth Award in 2008 and throughout the years he has been awarded with several commendations for going above and beyond his duties as a School Resource Deputy.

Deputy MacLean counsels minors who are having academic, attendance, and behavioral problems. For any issues regarding school related crime, gang crime, and juvenile related problems please contact Deputy MacLean at (626) 359-5671, ext. 319.



Too much fruit growing in your yard? Call Local Harvest to have your homegrown fruit harvested by a team of supervised Duarte youth. The harvest will be distributed to those in need at both the Duarte Senior and Foothill Unity Centers.

Harvesters can also stop by your home to receive fresh fruit that has already been picked. To request harvesters, call (626) 386-6865, or email duarteyouth@accessduarte.org.

Employee Spotlights

Craig Hensley, Director of Community Development

Craig Hensley, Community Development Director has worked for the City for four years. He oversees the Community Development Department, which includes planning and economic development, public works, engineering, building and safety, and field services. Hensley says that one of the things that impresses him the most about his co-workers is the dedication providing great service, "Although we have limited staff, the City employees always find a way of getting things done efficiently. I have a great group of coworkers," Hensley stated.

The people in general are what Hensley likes mostly about Duarte. The majority of people he has interacted with are pleasant and optimistic about their City, which is refreshing to him. Hensley's hobbies and interest include walking, hiking, and above all he is a huge Lakers and Kansas University fan.



Efren Castro, Senior Maintenance Technician/Electrician

Senior Maintenance Technician/Electrician, Efren Castro has been with the City's Field Services Division for 13 years. To meet the needs of City residents, Castro maintains City streets lights and trees, repairs potholes and assist with irrigation repairs at City parks, sets up traffic control delineation and temporary power for special events, operates the City's heavy equipment, and maintains all electrical issues in the field.

Castro likes the various tasks assigned to Field Services. "It speeds up each workday and creates a sense of accomplishment when residents see their requests handled in a prompt and professional manner," he replied. "The City is small enough to handle resident requests in a timely manner; unlike larger Cities where requests may be prolonged" added Castro.

Some of Castro's hobbies include golfing, fishing, and watching cable TV shows. "I feel relaxed on Friday mornings, out on the fairways enjoying the beautiful landscape that So Cal golf courses offers, while shooting the breeze with three good friends of mine. It's almost as good of a feeling as spending a family day at the lake and my son reeling in a nice size fish that we enjoy for dinner," says Castro. His most enjoyable hobby is lying next to his wife at the end of each day, and watching drama filled cable shows that are out nowadays.

An interesting fact about Castro is his ten-year service with the U.S. Navy Seabees Construction Battalions. He travelled around the world, but no other place compares to the quality of life in the USA.

City Council Meetings

Council meetings are every second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the Duarte Community Center located at 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte. Council meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Agendas and minutes can be obtained by visiting www.accessduarte.com.

City Officials

Darrell George	City Manager
Kristen Petersen	Assistant City Manager
Craig Hensley	Director of Community Development
Cesar Monsalve	Director of Parks and Recreation
Brian Villalobos	Director of Public Safety Services
Karen Herrera	Deputy City Manager
Marla Akana	City Clerk

City Commission Meetings

Economic Development	First Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Parks and Recreation	Second Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Planning	Third Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Public Safety	Third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Public Services	Second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Traffic Safety	First Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Mayor's Youth Council	First Monday at 6:00 p.m.
Youth and Family Committee	Fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Dates and times are subject to change. For more information, visit our website at www.accessduarte.com or call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931.

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