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# Duarte View

A bi-monthly community publication of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, in its 89th year of service to the community.

## Sandi Mejia of Rancho Mexican Restaurant new Chairman of Duarte Chamber

Sandi Mejia, manager of longtime Duarte business, Rancho Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, is the new Chairman of the Board of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce.

Mejia and other officers and directors of the board were formally installed at the Duarte Chamber's 88th Annual Installation banquet held in July at the Duarte Senior Center.

In addition to serving as manager of the popular Rancho Mexican Restaurant, Mejia is the owner of M&R Professional Services, and principal in CIBA Property Management and Energy Efficiency Partners.

She also serves on the board of the Pasadena Latino Forum, is chairman of the board for Pasadena Mexican American History Association, and is co-founder of the Pasadena Latino Business Association.

The Chamber's outgoing chairman, Bob Cruz, public affairs manager of Southern California Gas Co., served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Hawaiian themed festivities.

More than 100 guests attended the event including Duarte Mayor John Fasana and other members of the Duarte City Council as well as representatives for the offices of State Senator Gloria Romero, State Assembly Anthony Portantino and Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

Also taking their oath of of-



**DUARTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2009-2010 Board of Directors Chairman Sandi Mejia addressing attendees at her Installation Banquet in July.**

ice at the Chamber Installation were Officers for the 2009-2010 year: Chet Beeton, chief executive officer, Specialty Promotions, board vice chairman/publicity and marketing; Elisa Clifford, region manager, local public affairs, Southern California Edison, board vice chairman/legislation; Bob Cruz, past chairman; Debbie Gewertz, owner, Old Town Sign Co., board vice chairman/fundraising; and Maggie Pezeshkian, DC, owner of Duarte Family Chiropractic, board vice chairman/ambassadors.

Installed as Directors for 2009-2010 were: Elizabeth Bagwell, City of Hope; Sharon Bershtel, WePackItAll; Bernadette Chang, Westminster Gardens; Henry Custodia, Delafield Corporation; Camillia Garner, Wescom Credit Union; Rona Lunde, Jan's Towing Co., Inc.; Pat Miller, New York Life; Lisa Montanez, OneWest Bank; Steve Nicholson, Performance Nissan; and Steve Templar, Inland Community Bank.

During the evening, several local businesses were honored for their service to the community.

Receiving the Homebased Business of the Year Award was Specialty Promotions. Joe's Place was honored as Retail Business of the Year.

WePackItAll was named Manufacturing Business of the Year. Debbie Gewertz was awarded the Hans Sulzer Award, presented "to the individual who gives above and beyond in service to the Duarte Chamber and the Duarte

community".

Mary Barrow of Barrow/Hoffman Public Relations who served as president of the Chamber in 1993-1994 was honored with a Lifetime Membership award "for her vision, leadership and dedication to the Duarte Chamber and Duarte community through a difficult time in our history, leading to our great partnership today with the City of Duarte".

Others receiving recognition were Bob Cruz, Officer of the Year; Henry Custodia, Director of the Year; and Debbie Gewertz, Committee Chairman of the Year.

Chamber President and CEO Jim Kirchner thanked the generous sponsors who helped make the evening a success.

Lending their support to the Chamber Installation were: Entertainment Sponsor Burrtec Waste Services, and Table Sponsors: City of Hope, The Gas Company, Royal Oaks Manor, and Performance Nissan. Sandra's Botanica Florist, L.A. Party Works of Monrovia, and Joe's Place also supported the event through their donations of goods and services.

He also had words of praise for the Installation Committee members: Sandi Mejia, Debbie Gewertz, Joelle DeBrest, of 2 Busy Lizzys Productions, and John Hubbard of L. A. Party Works.

For more information about the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, visit their website at [www.duartechamber.com](http://www.duartechamber.com), or call (626) 357-3333.

## Zac Sunderland to Grand Marshal Route 66 Parade

TEEN WHO SAILED SOLO  
AROUND THE WORLD

He sailed solo around the world – the youngest person to ever accomplish the daunting feat, but Zac Sunderland, the 17 year-old adventurer never traveled Route 66. But he will on Saturday, Sept. 19, when Sunderland leads Duarte's 14th annual Salute to Route 66 Parade as the Grand Marshal.

"We're very excited about having Zac Sunderland as our Grand Marshal. We think the crowd is going to love seeing and meeting this amazing and courageous young man," said parade director K.C. Caracci.

Sunderland was 16 when he set sail from Marina Del Rey on June 14, 2008 to circumnavigate the world in his 36 foot sailboat, Intrepid. He successfully completed his 28,000 mile journey 13 months later, arriving back to his home port to a cheering throng of family, friends and other admirers on July 17, 2009.

This year's Route 66 Parade will step off at 10 a.m., an hour later than in previous years. The parade starts at the northeast corner of Huntington Dr. and Cotter St. and proceeds east along a one mile strip of Huntington Dr., historic U.S. Route 66.

The theme of this year's parade is "Journey Down the Mother Road" and will feature antique and classic cars, bands, equestrian units, and hundreds of parading participants representing local schools, churches and community organizations.

Immediately following the parade, the community is invited to attend the City's 52nd Anniversary Picnic and the Route 66 Vintage Car Show at Royal Oaks Park. Dozens of community



**ZAC SUNDERLAND**

groups will host food and game booths at the Picnic which will also feature live entertainment. Picnic-goers will also have a chance to meet Grand Marshal Zac Sunderland, in person. Sunderland will sign autographs at the Picnic. On the Vintage Car Show side of Royal Oaks Park, dozens of beautiful antique and classic cars will be on display. Adding to the fun, will be a Crafts Fair featuring artisans and crafters from all over Southern California.

Leading the list of businesses helping to support the parade this year are Parade sponsors: City of Duarte, Southern California Edison, and StorAmerica. Breakfast sponsor is Royal Oaks Manor. Mother Road sponsors are: Home Depot, AT&T Yellow Pages, and Burrtec Waste. Gold sponsors are City of Hope, Joe's Place, and Elks Lodge 1427.

Groups interested in participating in the parade, Car Show or Crafts Fair can download application forms from the parade website, [www.duarteroute66parade.com](http://www.duarteroute66parade.com). The website is also the place to get the latest updates on the parade and Route 66 Car Show activities.

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# Friends of the Duarte Library gear up for Festival of Authors Oct. 3

Authors Ray Bradbury, D. J. MacHale and Hector Tobar will headline the 7th annual Duarte Festival of Authors on Saturday, Oct. 3. In all, more than 50 authors will speak, participate in panel discussions, and sign their books.

The festival, presented by the Friends of the Duarte Library, will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at beautiful Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave. in Duarte. Admission is free.

Hector Tobar, the Pulitzer Prize-winning Los Angeles Times columnist and author of "The Tattooed Soldier," and "Translation Nation: Defining a New American Identity in the Spanish-Speaking United States" will lead off the festival's main speakers at 11 a.m.

D. J. MacHale, whose young adult following of readers is legion for his bestselling fantasy series of novels, "Pendragon: Journal of an Adventure Through Time and Space," will speak at 12:30 p.m. The legendary Ray Bradbury, au-



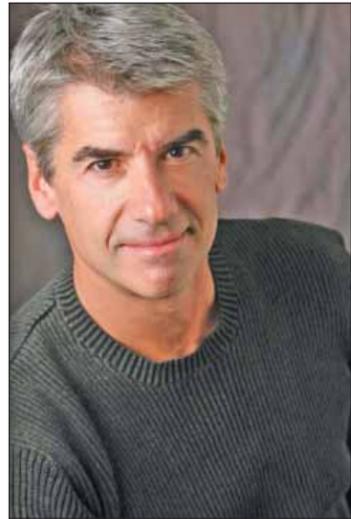
RAY BRADBURY

thor of the "Martian Chronicles," and "Fahrenheit 451," as well as dozens of other books and hundreds of short stories and plays, will speak at 3:30 p.m. Bradbury received a Pulitzer Citation for his lifetime of writing achievements in 2007. His latest book is "We'll Always Have Paris," a collection of 22 short stories.

There will also be a host of other treats for festival-goers.

Stewarts Antiques of Beverly Hills will offer an appraisal clinic for antique books, jewelry, art and other small treasures from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The public is invited to have their items appraised for a \$5 donation per item to benefit the Friends of the Duarte Library. Art lovers will enjoy an exhibit by local fine artists. The festival will also offer a variety of special activities for children. Food and refreshments will also be available.

For more information, call (626) 357-4151 or visit [www.friendsoftheduarte.com](http://www.friendsoftheduarte.com). Also look for the Duarte Festival of Authors on Facebook.



D. J. MACHALE

## Home Depot supports Route 66 Parade

The Route 66 Parade Committee has been working hard this year. Patty Barker and Lisa Magno, owner of Joe's Place, are the fundraising sub-committee for this year's Parade Committee. They have been able to partner with two Home Depot stores to help raise funding for the Parade this year. Mako Kapaska of the Monrovia Home Depot store with the assistance Jimmy Primanto, Manager of the El Monte Home Depot store, and have donated gas bar-b-ques to the Parade Committee. These bar-b-ques have been raffled off at each of the Concerts in the Park and at the recent Unity and Peace Concert at the PAC.

On July 28 Home Depot was recognized for their support at the



ONE OF THE BBQs donated by Home Depot on display at park concert.

Duarte City Council meeting. Assistant Manager Steve Clemonts from the Monrovia store was on hand to accept the award – and to step up to one more donation – one more bar-b-que for the Boxing Exhibition held Sat., Aug. 1.

The Committee is hoping to honor Home Depot on September 19 during the Parade with Home Depot's own entry. For more information on the parade see [www.duarteroute66parade.com](http://www.duarteroute66parade.com).



ROUTE 66 PARADE COMMITTEE members Henry Baltazar and Lisa Magno (from left), Stafford and Tina Carey (far right), and Steve Clemonts of Home Depot (third from right) receive recognition from Duarte Mayor John Fasana.

## FILL A PACK AND YOU BUILD A FUTURE

# Foothill Family Service makes call to community for support in annual Back-to-School Backpack event

There's something symbolic about opening up a fresh box of crayons. Perfectly placed row by row, the crayons remind us of the bright possibilities of a new school year.

Unfortunately, not every child has the opportunity to unzip a backpack and find freshly stocked supplies for their first day of school. With the economic downturn worsening, times are tougher than ever and many families will not have the ability to purchase the necessary school supplies for a successful start.

This year, with the support of the community and the Friends of Foothill Family, Foothill Family Service is ensuring that more students start the school year with the tools they need to thrive in the classroom.

Started in 2001 by the Friends of Foothill Family, the Back-to-School Backpack Event provides Foothill Family Service clients with backpacks filled with books, crayons, pencils, markers, paper and more.

Now in its 9th year, the event has grown from reaching only the Pasadena School District to a comprehensive effort to reach students in Pasadena, Duarte,



FOOTHILL FAMILY SERVICE Executive Director Helen Moran-Wolf stands with young volunteers showcasing all of the donated items ready to go out.

El Monte, West Covina and surrounding areas. In 2008, almost 1,600 students received a backpack filled with school supplies through Foothill Family Service.

This year, contributors such as Lexus of Glendale, the cast and crew of Everybody Loves Raymond, and the Ticktockers of the San Marino Area Chapter of National Charity League are joining Foothill Family Service to purchase, stuff and distribute

backpacks to young students whose families are experiencing severe economic hardship. Making a difference for families in need, the Back-to-School Backpack Event brings together the generosity of local corporations and individuals willing to bridge the gap for local children.

Founded in 1926 by a group of Pasadena volunteers who wanted to help families in need, Foothill Family Service provides mental health, social service, educational and outreach programs to vulnerable children, teens, adults and families throughout the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, Glendale and Burbank. Programs include Early Child Development, Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment, School-Based Counseling, Support Services for Pregnant & Parenting Teens, Domestic Violence Prevention & Treatment Programs, Family, Individual & Group Counseling, and Older Adult Services.

Last year, approximately 18,400 children and their families benefited from Foothill Family Service's life-changing services.

For more information on participating in the Back-to-School Backpack Event, or to learn more about Foothill Family Service, please call Catherine Rideau at (626) 564-1613 ext 133 or online at [www.foothillfamily.org](http://www.foothillfamily.org).



VOLUNTEER JUSTIN NG, Friends member Shari Domenghini and her daughter, Bianca, help prepare supplies and book bags for the backpack event alongside other National Charity League (NCL) helpers.

## Duarte Fitness Center pool open

The Duarte Fitness Center swimming pools are open for a variety of aquatic activities. Lap swim is offered for adults 6:30-8 a.m. and 12-1 p.m. Mon. through Fri.; 7-9 p.m. Mon. through Thurs.; and 11 a.m.-12 p.m. weekends. Recreational swim is available for all ages

1-3:30 p.m. weekdays and 12-4 p.m. weekends. This cost is only 50¢ for children 12 and under, and \$1 for adults and teens. Water aerobics is held Tues. and Thurs. from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Sat. from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$4 per class.

The Fitness Center Pool offers swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels. The swim instructors are all Red Cross certified and very experienced. Lessons are

offered mornings and evenings Mon. through Thurs. The cost of a 2-week session is only \$25. There are a limited number of class times and spaces. Registration begins at 6 a.m. for Duarte residents and 8 a.m. for non-residents one week prior to the beginning of each session. Sessions are: Aug. 3-13, Aug. 17-27 and Sept. 8-17.

For more information call the Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118.

## Summer park program

Four park sites are currently open Mon.-Fri. from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for recreational activities. Royal Oaks, Encanto, Beardslee parks and Otis Gordon Sports Park offer arts and crafts, sports, games, and special events all supervised by trained recreation leaders. This is a drop-in program and not a day care program. Children 5 to 12 years of age are welcome to drop by or leave anytime during the hours of operation. The summer playground program will end on Aug. 14. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.



## New shopping cart ordinance in Duarte effective Aug. 28

The City of Duarte has adopted a new ordinance to deal with the problem of stray shopping carts. Beginning Aug. 28, businesses and individuals will be responsible for the removal and misuse of shopping carts and laundry carts. The ordinance will prevent the unauthorized use, accumulation, and storage of abandoned shopping carts and laundry carts on public or private property by restricting the removal of carts from parking lots and requiring identification on carts.

The new ordinance imposes fees and fines for businesses, as well as fines for individuals in violation of the ordinance. City staff will work with the local business community to help educate them on the requirements of the new ordinance," said Public Safety Director, Brian Villalobos.

Businesses will be required to submit a \$60 fee along with a written cart retrieval program to the Public Safety Director prior to the establishment's original or annual renewal business license

application. They will need to demonstrate how they plan to retrieve abandoned carts and how they plan to prevent shopping carts from being taken off of their premises, among other requirements.

Businesses will be fined \$60 per cart for abandoned carts retrieved by the City. An additional \$60 fine will be imposed for each occurrence in excess of three occurrences within a six-month period.

Persons found in possession of shopping carts or laundry carts outside the premises of the owner or caught removing a shopping cart from the business's parking lot will be issued a written warning the first time and issued a citation if they are caught in violation of the ordinance again. The fine for the first offense will be \$100, and an additional \$50 for each additional offense.

For more information, or to report abandoned shopping carts, call Duarte Public Safety at (626) 357-7938.

## Nine file papers for City Council seats

Nine candidates, including three incumbents, have turned in their nomination papers to run for one of three Duarte City Council seats in the November election.

Looking to win another four-year term on the City Council are incumbents Margaret Finlay, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, and Phil Reyes.

Other contenders are JoAnn (J.) Brooks-Washington, an ac-

countant and member of the Economic Development Commission; Arthur L. Moss, a businessman; Liz Reilly, an instructional aide; Tony Sanchez, an industrial sales representative; Margie Wilson-Buchanan, a business advisor; and Rosalie Zesati, a Medi-Cal case manager.

The Duarte Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

## Duarte hit for \$3 million in state budget finale, city urges residents to call legislators

The State budget has now passed and the news is devastating for cities as State Legislators and the Governor prepare to take an unprecedented \$2.05 billion in redevelopment funds, suspend Prop 1A and "borrow" an additional \$1.9 billion from city general funds.

The City of Duarte budget alone will be hit for approximately \$3 million per year between Redevelopment and Prop 1A dollars. A take of this magnitude will affect Duarte's ability to meet debt service, contractual obligations and the Agency's ability to participate in any future development projects.

The State Assembly rejected the proposed taking of Gas Tax funds from cities, but is expected to defer gas tax payments until January 2010.

At the June 23 Council meeting, the Duarte City Council unanimously approved Resolution 09-22 both opposing the seizure of local gas tax and tax increment funds in addition to authorizing the City Attorney to cooperate with other agencies in litigation against the State designed to contest the constitutionality of this move. The Community Redevelopment Association is expected to file its lawsuit immediately.

The illegal seizure of local redevelopment funds will force cities, like Duarte, to stop redevelopment projects in their community, which would have a devastating effect on new construction jobs as

well as stop critical public projects. A specific project that would be directly affected would be the proposed 20-acre Transit Oriented Development project that is being proposed adjacent to the coming Gold Line station.

Duarte City Council members are gravely concerned about this State proposal and its impact on City services. The City needs residents help to communicate this to our local state elected officials. It is easy to get your thoughts heard in our ever expanding electronic age and let State officials know that Duarte taxpayers are extremely concerned about the State's fiscal problems and how the legislature continues to try and take money away from cities and redevelopment agencies. Residents are urged to contact both Assembly member Anthony Portantino, (626) 577-9944, assemblymember.portantino@assembly.ca.gov, and State Senator Gloria Romero (323) 881-0100, senator.romero@sen.ca.gov and express your concerns.

The following talking points are current scenarios:

- California would lose out on the creation of tens of thousands of jobs and billions in economic activity at the worst possible time;

- A Redevelopment take is unconstitutional and unlawful and was recently upheld in the case of CRA v. Genest.

For more info, call the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931.

## Free community movie night Sept. 25

Families are invited to enjoy a free dinner and a movie, even free popcorn at Duarte's Community Movie Night, Friday, Sept. 25, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale St.

Food will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The fun family film, "Like Mike" will be the featured movie, starting at 7 p.m.

"It's a great way for families to enjoy a free, fun night out. All they need to do is bring their lawn chairs and blankets. Everything else will be provided," said Aida Torres of Duarte Public Safety, which is coordinating the event.

The film, "Like Mike" is about a 14-year old orphan who becomes a phenom on the basketball court after finding and trying on a pair of sneakers with the initials M. J. on the inside. Performance Nissan will be giving away 50 free basketballs.

The Community Movie Night offers an opportunity for residents to meet their neighbors and learn about numerous city services and programs available to families. Representatives will be on hand from organizations including the Santa Anita Family YMCA, Foothill Unity Center, and Foothill Family Services. Foothill Workforce Investment Board will have their Mobile Training Unit to provide information. It is also an opportunity to meet and talk with LA County Sheriff's deputies, Mayor John Fasana and other City Council members and city staff.

For more information, contact Aida Torres at a2torres@lasd.org, or call (626) 357-7938.

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## Duartean (Cincinnati Reds Pitcher) Carlos Fisher Spends Day with DYAC Kids

Cincinnati Reds pitcher and Duartean Carlos Fisher returned home during Major League Baseball's All Star Break to revisit family and friends. On his first day back home he spent time with kids from DYAC. He covered the basics of pitching as the players get ready for DYAC All Stars play.

At the end of practice, everyone asked Carlos of his experience playing in the Major Leagues. He was kind in sharing that he was given the ball when he recorded his first strikeout. His toughest batter that he faced so far is Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals.

He went on to share that he played baseball in Duarte when he was 8 years old until high school, before moving on to Citrus College and Lewis & Clark, in Idaho. He added that his skills did not develop until he was about 12 years old. He emphasized that school and hard work are the keys to personal success in whatever you do. After baseball, he plans to pursue a career in sports medicine.

DYAC Coach Miguel Mejia thanks Lupe and Gabriel Arellano for arranging this special experience for all. July 20-22 the Reds will be in town to play the Dodgers and over 100 family and friends will be in attendance to support Duarte's very own - Carlos Fisher!



## Patrick Miller elected to New York Life Chairman's Council

Patrick D. Miller, CLTC has been elected a member of the 2009 Chairman's Council of New York Life Insurance Company today.

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As a Chairman's Council member, Patrick is invited to attend the Chairman's Council meeting held this year in Bermuda.

Mr. Miller has been a New York Life agent since 1981, and is associated with New York Life's Los Angeles General Office in Pasadena.

Pat and his family have lived in Duarte over 25 years.

Married to Arlene over 29 years they have 3 sons, Paul 23, David 20, and Scott age 16. The Millers have attended Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena since 1977 where Pat is the Director of Prison Ministries and president of his Adult Sunday School Class.

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# New book on Duarte to be released Tues., Sept. 15



The Duarte Historical Society is proud to announce the upcoming release of *Images of America: Duarte*, by Arcadia Press. A banquet launching the book and honoring authors Irwin Margiloff and Neil Earle is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 5:30 p.m. at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Arcadia Press' popular series contains the history of communities from Bangor, Maine to Manhattan Beach, California, with an aim toward bringing to life the people, places and events that define a community. Duarte's book will, of course, be special because of its uniqueness.

"The Duarte book is the kind we love to do," says Jerry Roberts, Acquisitions Editor for Arcadia Publishing. "It is a solid project on a city with a real 'community feel' to it and a completely interesting history with evocative photographs to portray it." He credits the authors with being "very astute and showing great fidelity to the existing record illuminating local bench marks such as the great flood of 1938 and such hometown sons as bandleader Glenn Miller and playwright Sam Shepard."

A treasure of historic photos and research is stored at the Duarte Historical Museum, and as the museum's current curator, Margiloff, together with Earle, has spent countless hours studying thousands of images and files, culling together information appropriate to accurately tell Duarte's story.

Books will be for sale at the banquet and the authors will be signing them. Checks or cash only for book purchase.

Reservations for the banquet may be made by mailing a check payable to the Duarte Historical Society in the amount of \$25 per person to DHS, c/o Claudia Heller, 277 Opal Canyon Rd., Duarte, CA 91010. For more information call (626) 358-0329.



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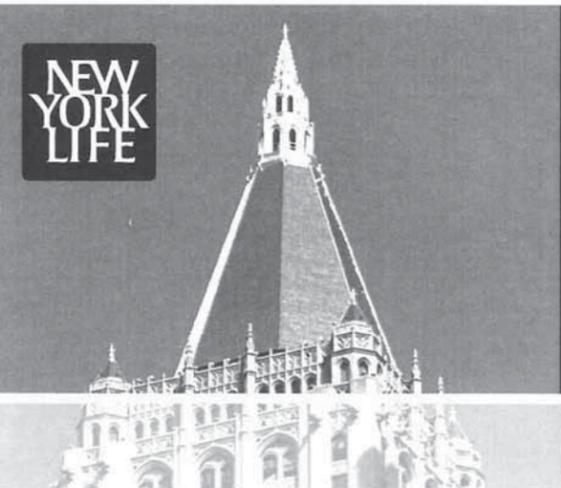


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### COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

The Duarte Senior Center has published its own cookbook! The Center has the best cooks that you can find anywhere. This is one book you do not want to be without. Pick up your copy at the Senior Center, \$8 for one or \$15 for two.

### HOT LUNCHES

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. Reservations are requested by calling Senior Center at (626) 357-3513. The suggested donation is \$2. Lunch is served at 12 noon and you must be signed in by 11:45 a.m. or your lunch reservation is given away.

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers to help with food preparation, serving, table setups, craft projects, decorating, etc. If you would like

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### FLU AND PNEUMONIA 2009

Thursday, September 17, from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. at the Duarte Senior Center Dr. Dennis Chang M.D. will discuss two of the most common respiratory illnesses, flu and pneumonia. He will also talk about prevention, diagnosis and treatment options that are currently available. For reservations, please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

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### DINNER WITH US

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ernment's Car Allowance Rebate System, also known as "Cash for Clunkers". But few people know the facts, and the scams have already started. And most people who do have a "clunker" sitting around are not sure if it is worth their time to find out more information about the car that they can purchase or the rules for their trade in.

As in everything, there are opportunists who will take advantage of everything from the World Trade Center tragedy to Michael Jackson's death, just to earn a buck. There are some new advertisements for companies that can "pre-qualify" you for this government program by taking your Social Security Number and then charging you a fee to "inspect" your car, tell you what you qualify for, then issue you a "Certificate of Approval" then they instruct you to take that to your local dealer.

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However, you do need to have a vehicle that is less than 25 years old on the trade-in date. You do need to have the title to that vehicle, which means you cannot have a loan on that vehicle, so if you are making payments on your car still, it does not qualify. That vehicle must be drivable, must be registered in your name and insured for a full year prior to the trade-in date and you will need to bring this information with you when you trade-in your "clunker".

The trade-in vehicle generally needs to get 18 miles per gallon or less but some oversize pickup trucks and vans may have different requirements. You can check this website, [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov) to see what your car's current fuel economy is, and please be aware that this website was just recently updated so if you checked it out prior to July 24, 2009...check it again.

Your trade-in will be junked, which means that the value of the trade-in will be evaluated according to the scrap rate. Now that you know a little about what you need to trade in, what about the car you want to purchase? Here are some basic facts.

The vehicle you purchase must be new, no pre-owned cars are included in this program. The Manufacturer's Retail Suggested Price of your new vehicle has to be less than \$45,000, so this is not going to work with your new Porsche 911 Turbo purchase unfortunately. But it can be a domestic or foreign model vehicle, as long as it gets from 4-10 miles per gallon better gas mileage than your "clunker" should you be purchasing a passenger car. Consumers purchasing trucks or Sports Utility Vehicles should look for ones that get 2-5 miles per gallon better fuel economy



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# Times journalist salutes rare, unforgettable moments

By Neil Earle

Sometimes you hear a talk you wish C-SPAN could have relayed across the country.

This happened for me on the night of Saturday, July 11, at the Unity and Peace Concert at the Duarte Performing Arts Center. In light of the tensions trying to upset our community – gang incidents with a racial twist – Los Angeles *Times* columnist Hector Tobar went out of his way to remind us of his article recalling “the long African American struggle for civil rights.” This historic happening, he wrote, “has blossomed into an oak tree of justice whose large canopy protects all of us, no matter our color.”

Well put. This is a point almost criminally neglected today. A copy of this column was handed out at this special evening event sponsored by the Route 66 Parade Committee. Tobar went on to state: “Let’s start with the basic fact of our citizenship. Like thousands of other Angelenos, I am the son of immigrants. I thus owe my citizenship to Dred Scott, a slave who sued for his freedom in 1857, and to people like Frederick Douglass, who took up his cause.”

The Supreme Court’s infamous Dred Scott decision of 1857 argued that blacks had no recognizable rights as citizens under the U.S. Constitution even if born in this country. This was just before the Civil War when many were trying to appease the Deep South and the solid Southern voting bloc in the U.S. Congress almost held a stranglehold on the issue of slavery. Yet less than eight years later and 630,000 dead in the great crusade to end slavery which it eventually became (1861-1865), a Republican Congress passed the Fourteenth Amendment granting citizenship to everyone born in America. “These days,” says Tobar, “the children of Mexicans and Central Americans are the chief beneficiaries.”

Nor is this just high school history.

In Tobar’s reading the “dead and battered of 1960s Birmingham and Selma, Alabama” were Latino martyrs as well. “Their sacrifice made the civil and voting rights we now enjoy possible.” Just a month before his death, the non-violent advocate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wired Caesar Chavez words that fit the occasion on July 11. “As brothers in the fight for equality, I extend the hand of fellowship and goodwill.”

## CONTROLLING THE NARRATIVE

Though the twists of time and unfortunate history have tattered and frayed these cords of unity, the early 1960s are not a bad place to visit ever so often. It is good to have the Tobars reminding us of how the narrative of the 1960s includes more than “acid and anarchy.” For a time there was a shining moment of hope and unity that bore real fruit, perhaps the kind of moment the Unity and Peace organizers were trying to recapture on July 11.

Too often in modern historical reconstructions people judge the whole experience of the 1960s through the lens of Watts in 1965 and Detroit in 1966, as if the civil rights marchers somehow *caused* these tragedies. Too often things get blended and blurred in a sludgy soup of incomplete collective memories. Televised images constantly repeated too easily can skate over the complexities involved. But there are historians who see it differently. Tobar the journalist is one of them. He knows that photographs also exist of black seamstresses and Boston bluebloods being arrested together and of a marching MLK flanked by Greek Orthodox bishops and Presbyterian elders and Jewish rabbis. The riots of the late 1960s were often a result of a dream too long deferred, of social changes being blocked and thwarted in spite of the Civil Rights a sludgy soup Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Tobar reminded us of that moment in time, when freedom seemed indivisible, and of other moments such as his personally witnessed, largely peaceful “browning of South Central.” “I was once in the same boat they are,” a 70-year-old black resident told Tobar on assignment for the *Times* in 1992. “I don’t mistreat them because I didn’t want to be mistreated.” There’s an old saying that a Lie travels five times around the world before the Truth can get its boots on. That’s why we need the Tobars to challenge the popular narratives of our time, erroneous and as incomplete and as deadly as they sometimes are.

In Duarte, public-spirited people and civic leaders are rallying to beat back the threats to our *unidad, comunidad, familia*. In this light, the Peace and Unity

organizers deserve credit for walking in the spirit expressed in the unforgettable cadences of Dr. King: “This is not a victory for black Americans. This is a victory for all Americans. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

And yes, we shall overcome.

(Neil Earle is host of DCTV’s *A Second Look* program and an adjunct professor of American History at Citrus College).

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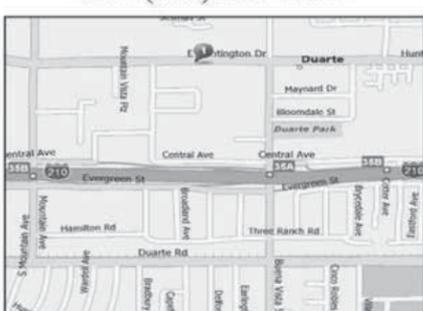
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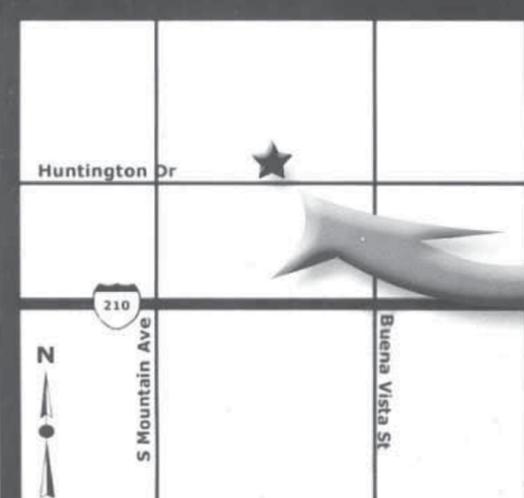


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Filing status mistakes are some of the more common errors on tax returns. Last year more than 32,000 taxpayers who filed under the HOH status did not meet its requirements and were ultimately issued more than \$28 million in tax assessments.

The HOH filing status generally provides a lower tax assessment for unmarried taxpayers who cared for a dependent for over half the year and paid more than half the cost of maintaining their home. Taxpayers who do not qualify will have their tax reassessed at either a single or married-filing-separate filing status. More than 2 million California taxpayers use the HOH filing status each year.

Filing status errors are less common on electronically-filed returns, as the State's e-file programs and many other software-based tax-preparation programs include a Head of Household questionnaire that guides taxpayers to the correct filing status.

FTB advises taxpayers who received an audit letter to promptly submit a completed questionnaire by using any of these methods:

- Go to FTB's website [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and use the HOH Audit Letter Web Response page. Taxpayers will need their Social Security number and the "FTB ID number" listed at the top of the questionnaire letter.
- Fax pages 3 and 4, and any supporting information to (866) 223-8195.
- Mail the questionnaire using the pre-addressed envelope provided with the audit letter.

Failure to respond could result in a penalty. FTB provides an HOH "self-test," answers to many frequently asked questions, and Publication 1540, "CA Head of Household Filing Status," in English and Spanish on its Website at [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov).

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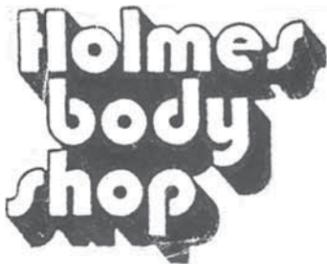
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## From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,  
Duarte Unified School District

Well, it is that time of year again, when teachers take down the room decorations, put away the textbooks and get ready for summer. Conversely at the District Office, it is the time of year when we reflect on the great parts of the school year and start preparing the year ahead. As we reflect on the 2008-2009 school year we have accomplished many things!

All of us in the Duarte Unified School District have come together this year to meet the needs of our students. As a result of that very worthwhile work, students are learning, and scores are rising! Earlier this year, we learned that Andres Duarte came out of school improvement and Maxwell is not far behind. These are phenomenal achievements! Royal Oaks was named a Title 1 School of Achievement. We successfully completed a Categorical Program Review, the Head Start State review and a review of our Special Education Department. At the high school level we have initiated our Early College Program. Beginning next year, forty Duarte High School juniors will enroll in classes at Citrus College. When they graduate from Duarte High School, they will have earned a year of college credit. The fine traditions of the Duarte Unified School District continue.

This year we have also had to keep our eyes focused on the budget, while keeping the cuts as far away from students as possible. One way in which we were able to do this was by offering a retirement incentive. As a result of this incentive, this year, there are many who have chosen to take this package and retire at the close of this school year. It is with heart-felt gratitude that we bid the following list of dedicated Duarte employees a fond farewell: Johanna Ballard, Sharon Beam, Bobbi Brzozowski, Sal Burgos, Gungor Dalic, Valerie Durham, Ann Fleshman, Julian Flores, Rudy Garcia, Mary Gonzales, Marilyn Grant, Marcia Hazelton, Mike Lay, Janeen Lee, Janet Manrique, Susan Marino, Jackie Peale, Jackie Puerta, Joanne Schmahl, Corliss Smith, Jo Ann Stein, Theresa Swartz, and Bobbie Wenrick!

These are difficult financial times of all of us. We will continue to act in good faith throughout this budget crisis. We will continue to stay focused on the "main thing," our students, all while maintaining a culture of caring and respect.



DR. DEAN CONKLIN

## Beardslee Elementary

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

The last month of school kept us very busy as we celebrated our students' success, honored retiring teachers, and thanked our many volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

We began the celebrations with our Beardslee Parent Staff Association honoring more than twenty volunteers at a lovely dinner at the Spaghetti Factory. These volunteers have served our school by volunteering in classrooms, selling snacks on Friday, and helping to organize our special events. Our BPSA President, Lupe Mendoza, thanked all of the volunteers and promised that next year we would have even more people volunteering at our school! Each volunteer was honored with a special gift and a certificate recognizing them for their hard work. These volunteers are greatly appreciated by the staff and the families at Beardslee, and this dinner was just one small way to say thank you for their dedication to our school.

Another way to rejoice in all our hard work is to play hard! This is exactly what we did on Play Day. Ms. Bartlett organized play activities that incorporated all students. We ran races, got wet and most assuredly, laughed a great deal. Following Play Day, our traditional Family Picnic was held. Members of the Beardslee community joined us for fellowship and food on the lawn of the school. While the weather was chilly that day, we all kept warm and had a great time in the process!

Other end of the year celebrations included our 3rd trimester awards assemblies. Students in

kindergarten through grade 5 were recognized for their academic achievement, perfect attendance and citizenship during these assemblies. However, our 6th grade accomplishments were celebrated during their promotion ceremony on the last day of school. The awards for our 6th graders included special recognition from the Burns Scholarship Award in reading for Amanda Sanchez and Rosy Medinal and in math for Edgar Preciado and Jaylene Rios. The American Legion Awards for Citizenship went to Maria Delgado and Desiree Rodriguez. The Duarte Unified Education Association awards went to Abraham Jimenez and Juan Carlos Valdez. The President's Academic Excellence Awards went to Juan Colin, Desiree Rodriguez, Jude Flor, Abraham Jimenez, and Rodolfo Serna. The President's Academic Achievement Awards were given to Janisha Martin, Ricardo Perez, Rianna Brenes, Osvaldo Torres, Edgar Preciado, Miriam Cruz, Paola Luevano, Gema Anguiano, Angelica Lopez, Amanda Serrano, Jessica Luna, and Rosy Medina. Our four retiring teachers honored Ricardo Perez and Paty Serrano with a special award and savings bond, and the Beardslee staff recognized Marcus Lopez and Rodolfo Serna with a special award, also. Finally, we were pleased to honor five students who had perfect attendance for the entire school year! Those students were Stephanie Angel, Ariana Melgarejo, Gerry Salas, Amanda Serrano, and Juan Carlos Valdez. We are proud of all students and wish our 6th graders good fortune as they move to Northview next year!

## Royal Oaks

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

As Royal Oaks wraps up the school year, we would like to honor two retiring teachers, Johanna Ballard and Susan Marino.

After 23 years of teaching, Royal Oaks is proud to send Susan Marino off into an active and full retirement. Susan began teaching in private schools and came to Duarte eleven years ago to work at Royal Oaks. For a period of time she was at Andres Duarte, and returned to Royal Oaks last year. Susan has always found amazement at students' joy and enthusiasm for learning. Each year she bonds with her students and cares for them as if they were her own. Mrs. Marino has been a vital member of the Duarte Ed Foundation and contributor to the community. At RO she has served on Student Success Team and social committee. She is well known at RO for her creative knack for decorating a party or transforming an office or workspace. When she has time, Mrs. Marino enjoys reading, traveling, cooking and spending time with family. On the first day of school in the fall she hopes to be sipping a cup of coffee on the deck of their cabin in Utah!

Johanna Ballard entered the teaching profession following a successful career in private industry in order to share her love of learning, her passion for books and the arts, and her joy in interacting with children. During her 17 years at Royal Oaks she was

## Andres Duarte School



ANDRES DUARTE FLAG DAY included a Marine Corps Color Guard.

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

### COUGAR CHRONICLE

Another successful year has come to a close. Our students have made amazing progress and we expect to see great scores when our CST results arrive in late July. However, we approach next year with some uncertainty about the budget. Following the May elections, additional cuts have been made to schools from preschool to college. We are asking families to help us by donating basic school supplies next year. We will have

supply lists posted at the end of summer along with the class lists. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Pencils, crayons, white board markers, lined paper and copier paper for classroom printers will be needed at every grade level. While there will be cuts next year, there will not be changes to the high quality education you have come to expect from Andres Duarte and Duarte Unified. As always, we are committed to your child's success.

selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among America's Teachers for 2002, 2005 and 2006. Teachers are nominated for this publication by outstanding high school students, who honor a teacher who took the time to lead, inspire and demand excellence. Ms. Ballard has held a number of leadership

roles at the school and district levels, including SST, Leadership Team, Math Task Force and textbook adoption committees. Johanna has numerous interests that have always enhanced her teaching. Her love and passion

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## Child Development Program

By Bobbi Brzozowski, Director

Dear Duarte Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this as my last article to the Duarte community as the Director of Child Development Programs. I will be retiring July 1 after 37 years of service in the California schools, the last seven of which were right here in the Duarte Unified School District.

I can honestly say that the very best years of my career have been right here in Duarte working with the Head Start, State Preschool and Extended Day Care families of the Duarte community, and with the Child Development staff. I have loved every minute of bringing services to Duarte's wonderful families. I have been thrilled to see the growth in our students.

Our preschool students now score above the average for Los Angeles County. We have goals to bring this achievement even higher, especially for our students who are learning English as a second language.

In addition, I am proud of the professional growth shown by the Child Development staff. Nearly all of our classroom staff now have at least an Associate's degree, and more than half are currently enrolled in college

Finally, it was with bittersweet emotions that we said good-bye to four retiring Beardslee teachers in a series of celebrations this month. While we are excited for them as they begin the new adventure known as retirement, we love them dearly and will miss having them on our staff at Beardslee. These four fantastic and inspiring educators include Ms. Bobbie Wenrick, Ms. Marilyn Grant, Mrs. Valerie Durham, and Mr. Sal Burgos. We hope they come back often to visit the students, families, and staff here at Beardslee School!



MRS. KING'S CLASS at Beardslee proudly show their bunny artwork for spring.

classes toward their degrees or toward upgrading their teaching credentials. They are an awesome group and will skillfully carry Child Development's momentum of excellence.

Duarte families can rest assured that the combined best efforts and support of the Child Development Staff, district administrators, and Board are behind the success of every child who comes through our programs.

## Free summer lunch program

The USDA, the Duarte Unified School District, and the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department are offering a free summer lunch program for children ages 18 years and under. There are no limits to the number of lunches served. Lunches are offered Monday through Friday at Beardslee School 12-12:45 p.m., Andres Duarte School 12:15 p.m.-1 p.m., and the Duarte Teen Center 12 p.m.-1 p.m. The program will conclude August 28. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.

I will miss you all.  
Bobbi

In the meantime, we are taking applications for fall. Classes are filling up fast, so don't be left out.

New this year, families who are considered homeless by virtue of doubling up with another family due to job loss or other economic hardship are automatically eligible for Head Start.

### DID YOU KNOW

The newly re-authorized Head Start Act of 2007 mandates that Head Start agencies make available to the public a report published at least once in each fiscal year that discloses specific information regarding the Head Start program including the following:

During the 2008-2009 school year, 97 families were served in the Duarte USD Head Start program. We estimate that Duarte USD Head Start is serving roughly 81% of eligible unserved preschoolers, ages 3-4. We continue to recruit to bring this figure to 100%.

Do you know someone with a 3 or 4-year-old child who could be eligible for Head Start? If so, please have their parent contact us at (626) 599-5123.

## Twenty Maxwell parents complete a computer training class



By Mary Gonzales, Principal

Maxwell Elementary continues to find learning opportunities for both students and parents. Most recently we had the privilege of partnering with Larry Ortega, President, and Neri Rivas Vice President of Community Union as well as Duarte Unified School District. Through this partnership Maxwell was able to offer computer classes to the parents of our community. Twenty two parents enrolled, and twenty completed the entire course. A survey given before the class began revealed that thirteen of those 20 parents had never used a computer. Nineteen did not know how to launch a program or create a document in Windows. Twenty parents did not know how to create, insert pictures, save, or print a word

document.

A survey given upon completion of the class, revealed very different responses. Obviously the 13 parents who said they had not used a computer before could now answer that they knew how to use a computer. Twenty said they knew how to launch a program or create a word document. Nineteen felt confident using Excel. All 20 parents who did not know how to open, create or insert pictures into a document now said they were confident in doing so. Each parent created his/her own email address and learned to send and receive emails. A requirement was that each student create a portfolio. As part of the portfolio parents researched a topic on the internet and created a power point presentation.

On June 16 the Maxwell Elementary parents came together to celebrate their accomplishments. That evening the parents' faces shone with pride as their children watched them share their power point presentations and receive their recognition.

I will always remember watching the parents hurry to their class so as not to be late. Several parents brought their children with them and sat them down on the steps to eat dinner while their moms and dads went inside to learn how to use the computer. This single memory underscores, for me, the importance these classes played in the lives of our parents.

With continued collaboration and community support these classes will be offered in the future.

## Many Happy Endings at Valley View

By Robin Nelson, Principal

As the 2008-2009 school comes to an end, I want to mention some of the happy endings at Valley View Elementary. We bid adieu to 63 students moving on to Middle School, we had outstanding end-of-year activities and wished Mrs. Peale farewell.

Our promotion ceremony was a huge success; we had a full house! Our cafeteria was jam-packed with proud families, colorful balloons, beautiful flowers, lots of laughter and some tears. The theme of our ceremony was "The Children are Our Future". The students were honored for their academic achievements and service contributions to the school. Thanks to our 6th grade parents and PTA support for creating a fun star-filled environment for our promotion ceremony and dance.

We had some exciting and fun end of year activities. Manpower Day was an enormous triumph; we had over 115 men on campus to support our kids. The PTA and staff had some wonderful activities for our visitors starting with our Student of the Month Ceremony, the Annual Sixth Grade vs. Staff Softball Game (the kids won, Woo-



WATER LIMBO

Hoo), Donuts for Dads and our elective classes. We are grateful to **Shauna Pierce** and **Laura Silverman** for making this a delightful day. Play Day and the Family Picnic were awesome as always! We started the morning with over 20 stations of fun for the children. It was wet and wild. Thanks to **Meredith Clark**, **Bernice Ledesma**, and lots of parent volunteers. A good time was had by one and all.

Lastly, we wished **Mrs. Jackie Peale** a fond farewell. After 32 years, she is retiring from the Duarte Unified School District. Jackie has faithfully served 29 of those years at Valley View teaching in the primary grades. She has contributed so much to our students over the last three decades. Her warmth, talents and sense of humor have been a valuable asset to Valley View. Jackie will be missed, but not forgotten by anyone who was fortunate enough to be taught by her, or worked beside her. Thank you Mrs. Peale. Jackie will spend her time in Paso Robles with her family quilting, sewing and reading.

Over the summer, we will be preparing for the 2009-2010 school year. We look forward to all the excitement of starting a new year. See you in September.



JACKIE PEALE & granddaughters at retirement party.

## MT. OLIVE HIGH

### A great place to witness student success

By Kevin Morris, Principal

With the 2008-09 school year behind us, Mt. Olive ended the months of May and June on a high note. May was kicked-off by our Senior Prom at Cal-Mart in Downtown Los Angeles with Duarte High School. Then we eased into June with The SHARE (Stop Hate And Respect Everyone) assemblies sponsored by the L.A. County Sheriff's Department.

We then continued with Mt. Olive's 4th Annual Man Power Day BBQ, which was a huge success, as always. Our guest speakers included Mr. Aris Miranda, financial planner/DJ and community member/student advocate, Mr. Henry Cuellar. Our Man Power BBQ menu featured carne asada, pollo asada, rice, beans, tortillas, green salad, fruit salad, and fruit punch. This was a wonderful time had by students, parents, staff, and the community.

We wound down the school year with our Senior Scholarship Luncheon at the Monrovia Restaurant. Mt. Olive students attending college received over \$7,000 dollars in money from local community organizations like LULAC, Citrus College, Kiwanis, and many others. Thanks for all of your support. This year

we also hosted our first evening commencement ceremony at the Performing Arts Center, which featured a huge turn-out. It was jam-packed with standing room only. And finally, we ended the year with Senior Grad-Night to Disneyland.

The 2009-2010 school year will continue in the same positive direction with emphasis on academic achievement, post-secondary educational opportunities, student development, and community involvement. We will continue to offer the Community Union Computer Redeployment Program and the Sirius Gear Heads Racecar Fabrication Program. Mt. Olive will also introduce several new programs, i.e. the Continuation Sports League, which includes Temple City, Canyon Oaks, and Del Mar schools; the CISCO Computer Training Program; and our Senior Citizen softball scrimmages with the Duarte 66ers and the Duarte "D" Crew. Thanks again Duarte 66ers and "D" Crew for the fun times we shared. This was a great opportunity for our students' bond with more quality people in the community who care about their success.

On the curriculum side of things, we are adding an environmental studies science class to our schedule. This class will provide students with the training and skills to compete for the new green jobs on the horizon. We will continue to publish our Mt. Olive Parent Handbook, our monthly newsletter, and promote monthly social events for our students, their families, and the community. We will also continue to develop new opportunities for parents to become more involved in their students' education at Mount Olive.

We need the help of parents and the community to ensure that Mt. Olive continues the move from "GOOD to GREAT!" Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

## Royal Oaks

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for the arts and culture are clearly evident as she plays piano for various performing groups as well as school events. Through her interest in political activism she brought Democracy in Action to the entire 5th grade. On the first day of school in the fall, Ms. Ballard hopes to be decorating a new home in Palm Springs, near where her sister resides.

We send our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Marino and Ms. Ballard, for their years of service and dedication to the students of Royal Oaks and the families of Duarte.

## Northview Intermediate

By Miriam Fox, Principal

Summer is always a time for students and educators to reflect back on the past year's accomplishments and to begin to plan and dream about the upcoming year. This article will focus on the accomplishments of our students particularly those whom we recognized at our promotion ceremony. By placing their name in print in this article I hope to provide for them an additional moment of glory, a little extra time in the sunshine of appreciation. At a time in our history when "teens gone wrong" are what nightly greet us on news channels across our nation, it is important for us to be reminded of all the good choices being made daily by the great majority of our youth. The students listed below have demonstrated a dedication to academics and good citizenship that many of us when we were their age could not brag about. Where was your head at when you were in middle school? Clearly these youngsters deserve our good wishes, admiration and strong belief in their promising futures. If you know any of them please consider picking up the phone and calling them or picking up

a pen and a postage stamp and writing them a congratulatory line and remember to rest peacefully tonight knowing that there are many fine young men and women growing up right now who will proudly uphold the ideals of our wonderful nation.

First to be recognized are those students who maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average throughout their eight quarters of school at Northview, those students are: Jason Hong, Jenny Hong, Olivia (Annie) Lewis, Wednesday Lopez-Colorado, Marina Paiz, Sonia Puri, and Lizbeth Rios. A total of twenty-one students received the President's Award for Academic Excellence, which requires them to have maintained a 3.5 grade point average while in middle school and have scored at or above the 85th percentile on a state standardized test. The following students all earned this recognition: Luis Aguilar, Alejandro Alvarez, Mario Balderrama Jr., Florencia Bondi, Luz Campos, Laura Cortez, Adrian Zachary Diaz, Anthony Galicia, Leah Garza, Jason Hong, Jenny Hong, Arzang Kasiri, Lucas Kerwin, Olivia (Annie) Lewis, Kimberly

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# Duarte High School

By Eric Barba, Principal

Duarte High School has been in an upward trajectory of high student achievement and a college going culture. We have seen gains in CAHSEE scores, credit completion and college acceptances. We have partnered with Citrus College, City of Hope and JPL which have opened up tremendous opportunities for our students.

As another year goes by at Duarte High School it leaves in its place the memories of this year's accomplishments.

The relationship between Duarte High School and Citrus College continues to grow opening up more opportunities for DHS students to prepare for the University.

If you are a student in Anatomy and Physiology, one of your projects is to get on a bus and spend the day in a Citrus College Biology lab receiving instruction from one of Citrus' professors.

DHS students can now take advantage of several Citrus courses at DHS. Spanish is offered in the summer which fulfills the two year foreign language requirement. Speech 101 and Administration of Justice are two Citrus courses offered during the school year at DHS.

New this year is Early College. Starting summer of 2009, a cohort of 40 students will begin a dual credit program where they will simultaneously be enrolled in Citrus and DHS.

These juniors will have the opportunity to graduate from DHS with a high school diploma and have 30 college units (equivalent of 1 year) completed on their college transcripts.

They will take the Citrus

courses at DHS with a Citrus professor. Watch future issues for more information on this cohort.

If you were at the Duarte High School graduation, Senior Awards Breakfast or Friends of Duarte Dinner you would have noticed some great accomplishments.

Duarte High School students are being accepted into and attending great colleges and universities.

The following is the list of schools accepting our students: Azusa Pacific University, Barry University, Biola University, Brigham Young University,

Brown University, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cornell University, CSU Bakersfield, CSU Channel Islands, CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU Fresno, CSU Fullerton, CSU Humboldt, CSU Long Beach, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Northridge, CSU Sacramento, CSU San Diego, Grambling State University, Princeton University, Marymount College, M.I.T., Occidental College, Saint John's University, USC, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, University of Dayton, University

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# Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center has a lot of great activities happening this summer! The Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista St. in Duarte. Summer hours are August 3-August 28, Monday through Friday, 3 p.m.-8 p.m.

All Duarte teens' grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome. Participation is free, but Teen Center Registration packets must be filled out and returned.

For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

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Lim, Wednesday Lopez Colorado, Alicia Morales, Michael Noonan, Sonia Puri, Alejandra Reyes Velarde, and Lizbeth Rios. Annually the American Legion awards two students the Outstanding Citizenship Award, this great honor was bestowed upon Florencia Bondi and Mario Balderrama Jr. Years ago one of our former and much beloved Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Robert Burns who established upon his retirement, a scholarship fund to recognize students excelling in the areas of mathematics and reading. This year the recipients of this honor are: Angel Arroyo, Alexis Galvez and Leah Garza for Reading and Irene Abreu, Erik Guzman and Cristobal Ramirez for Mathematics. Ms. Gomez-Roman who teaches our self-contained English as a Second class provided two students with a scholarship for "Achievement in English Language Acquisition" those honorees are: Erick Guzman and Wendy Huang. Mrs. Hazelton, our former assistant principal who recently retired, annually offers scholarships in memory of her father, mother and late husband. This year the Robert Hazelton scholarship for leadership was awarded to Chrystiana Howard, the Robert Hazelton athletic achievement scholarship was awarded to Fabiana Rosas. The Harry Saxon courage award was given to Ashlen Grant while the Cordelia Saxon academic achievement was presented to Kendall Williams. Congratulations to all students that promoted, Duarte High eagerly awaits you!

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THE DUARTE TEEN CENTER offers a local kick it spot for teens.

## Teen Center

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jam will be held August 17-21. The week will end with a talent contest for prizes.

### COMPUTER LAB

The Duarte Teen Center Computer Lab is open Mon.-Fri., 3-6:30 p.m. The lab is equipped with 12 computers and is a great place to enhance computer skills, learn new programs, chat on the internet, do school work, and play various games. There is also a scanner and printer available.

### FREE ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

**Movie Mondays** – Come relax and enjoy one of the latest movies at the Teen Center! August 24, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Free

**Birthday Tuesday** – On the first Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m., come and join the Teen Center for a birthday celebration with cake for all! Free!

**Teens with Dreams** – This program is for teen girls grades 9 through 12. The group meets August 26 to discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships, and much more. Sign up now! Free!

**Teen Book Club** – Come join the Teen Book Club! The book club meets August 28 to discuss various books from a designated reading list. Meet new friends and find new adventures in the world of good books! Book purchases required. Call the Teen Center for more info!

### YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

Join the fun and excitement with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center! Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome! You'll learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape! Make new friends, feel more confident about yourself and have lots of fun!

You will gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination as well as make new friends. Our

knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth. You can train for fun and physical activity or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at our annual Boxing Show. The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Mon.-Thurs. from 4-8 p.m. and Fri. from 4-7 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register now at the Duarte Teen Center. Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or just stop by to see if you are interested.

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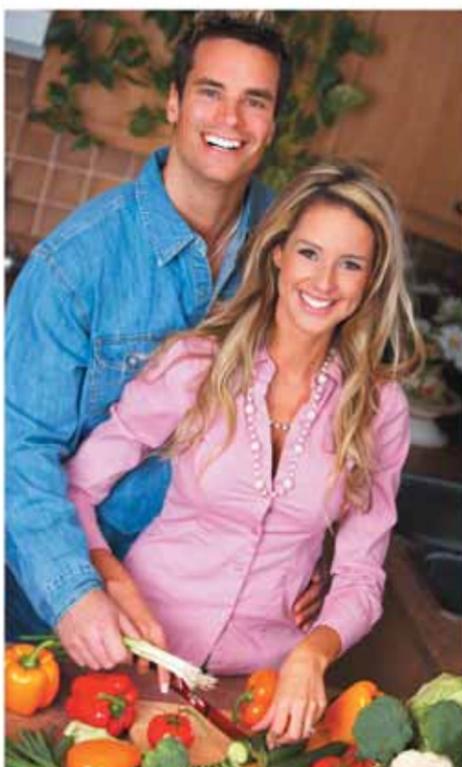
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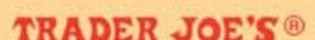
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## Duarte High

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of La Verne, University of Pennsylvania, University of Redlands, and Yale University.

At the same time that Duarte High School says goodbye to our seniors we also say goodbye to our retiring teachers.

After 30 and 40 years of service and dedication, DHS says "Hasta Luego" to both Mr. Jackie Puerta and Mr. Julian Flores. Both men have tirelessly served our school and community. Their impact is huge and they will never be forgotten.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 22-July 30 – Summer School (M-TH)

August 24 – Registration Begins

September 9 – First Day of School 2009-2010



## Duarte Youth Boxing Show, a knockout success



**MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE** turned out for the 4th annual Duarte Youth Boxing Show, Aug. 1, presented by Duarte Parks and Recreation's Youth Boxing Club. Held at the Duarte High School Gym, the boxing show featured 21 bouts of young amateur boxers representing youth boxing clubs throughout Southern California. To compete as an amateur, boxers must be certified by USA Boxing Federation. Johnny Olvera, 13 of the Duarte Youth Boxing Club, won his bout against Eduardo Cruz of Genghis Khan Boxing Club, Los Angeles when the referee stopped the fight in the second round. Olvera, an 8th grade student at Northview Middle School in Duarte, was named Outstanding Junior Boxer of the show.

Photos by Barreras Photography

## Duarte Public Access launches "DCTV on the Web"

Duarte residents and others can now watch Duarte City Council meetings and local information and entertainment programs produced by DCTV, the community's Public Access cable station, on the World Wide Web. "DCTV on the Web" officially launched Saturday, Aug. 15, at [www.dctvduarte.com](http://www.dctvduarte.com).

"It's an exciting new chapter in DCTV's 22-year history. More residents than ever before will have an opportunity to access programming that connects them to the people, places, events and issues that shape the Duarte community. What's more, they'll be able to watch DCTV programs on their own schedule," said Alan Heller, Duarte Public Access Board of Directors president.

Up until now, the only way that people could watch DCTV programming was if they were a subscriber to Charter Cable, Duarte on Channel 55. A second phase roll-out of DCTV on the Web shortly will offer live streaming video of programming as it is airing on the station.



In addition to City Council meetings, DCTV offers a wide variety of programs including interview shows on the city's history and community issues, as well as musical shows, religious programs, and coverage of local events such as Duarte's Concerts in the Park series, Hike to Fish Canyon Falls, and the annual Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade. As well as current productions, visitors to the website will also be able to watch past productions posted under Archive Videos, find out how to go about producing their own shows on DCTV and about volunteer opportunities with the Public Access station. The website will also offer links to City, School District and community organization websites.

The new website is just one of a number of new improvements for DCTV. Last year, the Duarte City Council provided DCTV with \$64,000 in funding to replace faulty and obsolete video equipment with new digital machines, including a new broadcast system, editing equipment, video switcher, and video streaming capability. DCTV also has a new, colorful logo design, created pro bono for the station by Duarte-based graphic artist, Mark Wood.

For more information, call DCTV Program Manager Levon Yotnakhparian at (626) 358-2329, or visit the DCTV studio at 1634 Third St., Duarte.

### Duarte to celebrate anniversary with community reception, picnic

Duarte will mark its 52nd anniversary of incorporation with a community reception on Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. prior to the start of the regular City Council meeting. The City will also host its annual community anniversary picnic at Royal Oaks Park on Sept. 19.

"Anniversaries are special occasions to celebrate. We want our residents to know that they are at the center of this celebration because it is the Duarte community that makes the City a great place to live, work and do business," said City Manager, Darrell George.

The community is invited to enjoy cake and refreshments at the Aug. 25 City Hall reception, located at 1600 Huntington Dr.

On Sat., Sept. 19, festivities will kick off at 10 a.m. with the Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade along a one-mile stretch of Huntington Dr., Duarte's Historic Route 66. The celebration then moves to Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Dr., for the city's Picnic and Vintage Car Show, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The picnic will feature two live bands, food and craft booths, a historical display celebrating the 100th anniversary of Duarte's Old Schoolhouse, and a special children's stage featuring a variety of acts.

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Online Ticket Purchase: [www.DuarteChamber.com](http://www.DuarteChamber.com)

Information: (626) 357-3333 or (626) 357-7931, x220

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## Duarte Budget Works to Maintain Services



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

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

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

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

## NEW Shopping Cart Ordinance

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



## Duarte Development Thrives Despite Slow Economy

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Introducing the Duarte Community Newsletter

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

Published by the City of Duarte, Community News contains information on City issues, policies, events, and programs. It is published and mailed quarterly to all residents and businesses in Duarte. For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at (626) 357-7931.

### Elected Officials

Mayor.....John Fasana  
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Councilmember.....Lois Gaston  
Councilmember.....Tzeitel Paras-Caracci  
Councilmember.....Phil Reyes

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Community Development .....Craig Hensley  
Parks and Recreation .....Donna Georgino  
Public Safety .....Brian Villalobos  
City Clerk.....Marla Akana  
Deputy City Manager.....Karen Herrera

## Community Movie Night Tops 500



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

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

## Deputies that Keep Duarte Schools Safe

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

## City Surveys Reveal "Life in Duarte is Good"



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

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

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

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

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

## Prevention Tips: Living with Bears

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

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



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

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

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

## It's In Our Hands Be Apart of 2010!

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

[www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census)





## City Quick Tips

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

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

## Adult Trips Unveiled for Fall



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

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

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

Registration begins Sept. 14 at 7:30 a.m. for Duarte residents with proof of residency, and 9 a.m. for non-residents. A driver's license, California ID, or utility bills will be accepted as proof of residency. All participants must provide proof of residency. No more than 4 participants can be registered at one time. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$30. There are no refunds, but in the event of a participant's cancellation, an attempt will be made to fill the spot from the waiting list. If successful, the participant will receive a gift certificate equal to the amount of the trip minus a \$10 service charge.

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

## Duarte Teens Embrace Cultural Awareness and Tolerance

By: Gonzalo Lozano - DHS Senior

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Connecting with Our Youth...

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

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

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



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



## Adventure Club Offers Exciting Excursions For Youth



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

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

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

## Duarte's 4-1-1

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Duarte Teen Center.....	(626) 303-0863
Duarte Senior Center.....	(626) 357-3513
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Anonymous Tip Line.....	x462/x211
Graffiti Removal.....	(626) 836-3654
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Fire Department.....	(626) 358-3118
Temple Sheriff Station.....	(626) 448-9861

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California American Water.....	(888)422-5269
Southern California Edison.....	(800) 655-4555
Verizon.....	(800) 483-4000
Railroad Problems.....	(888) 446-9721
Burrtec Waste Disposal.....	(800) 325-9417
School District.....	(626) 599-5000

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

## Calendar Key\*

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

\*Additional events, information, and commission meetings are available at (626) 357-7931 [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com)

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## City Happenings...

### Free Fair Fun

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



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

### Golf For Roses

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



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

Entry forms are available at Duarte City Hall or at [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com)

### Help a Needy Child Get "Back to School!"

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

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

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Casino Night of Stars Sept. 12

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



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

## Duarte's Promise to Host 8th Annual College Fair

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



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

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

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

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

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

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