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## New crosswalk links dealerships with Best Buy shopping center

For the past several months, Monrovia city staff has been working to install a new pedestrian crosswalk on Mountain Avenue between Monrovia's auto dealerships on the west side of the street and the Best Buy shopping center on the east side of the street in Duarte. The City

of Monrovia has completed work on the project, and the enhancement at the intersection includes new pedestrian seconds count down heads, ADA accessibility improvements, as well as new striping. Given the volume of foot traffic in the area, the new enhancements should improve pedestrian safety on Mountain

Avenue and be a benefit for the area Duarte businesses!

Requests for this crosswalk originated from business visits in the area by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce Business Outreach Committee. Among the committee members are Duarte city staff who pursued the crosswalk request with Monrovia.

## City of Hope aims to cure Type 1 Diabetes in six years

By City of Hope

It's an extraordinary goal powered by an extraordinary gift.

City of Hope's Diabetes & Metabolism Research Institute is committed to developing a cure for type 1 diabetes (T1D) within six years, fueled by a \$50 million funding program led by the Wanek family.

It seems an audacious goal for a comprehensive cancer center, but City of Hope has a long history of groundbreaking work in diabetes. Research conducted by City of Hope led to the development of synthetic human insulin, which is still used today by many of the estimated 1.5 million Americans with T1D and 27 million with type 2 diabetes (T2D).

"City of Hope is best positioned to take on this challenge," said Robert W. Stone, president

and chief executive officer of City of Hope. "This is thanks to our 40-year institutional legacy of pioneering treatment and research advances in diabetes."

The funding for the transformative research needed to embark on such an endeavor is led by a gift from the Wanek family, which owns Ashley Furniture Industries, the world's largest home furniture manufacturer.

"City of Hope scientists' research has revolutionized the understanding and treatment of diabetes," said Todd Wanek, chief executive officer of Ashley Furniture, speaking on behalf of his family. "It continues today as physicians and scientists gain systemic understanding of diabetes as a complex, multifaceted disease."

Through the generosity of the family and gifts from an anonymous donor, City of Hope will be able to devote more than \$50 million over the next six years to an unprecedented research effort: The Wanek Family Project for Type 1 Diabetes at City of Hope.

### A Multifaceted Approach

The Wanek Family Project will result in the creation of a series of highly focused programs at City of Hope. The idea is to attack the problem of T1D in an integrated way. Novel immunotherapy approaches will be investigated, as will insulin-secreting beta cells and ways to keep the body from rejecting those cells during transplantation.

The City of Hope goal to cure T1D will focus on three core areas, each of which is crucial in treating both types of diabetes.

### Immune modulation

Research is already underway at City of Hope to unlock the immune system's role in diabetes, including T cell modulation and stem cell-based therapies that may reverse the autoimmune attack on

islet cells in the pancreas, which is the cause of T1D. City of Hope's Bart Roep, Ph.D., previously worked at Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC) in the Netherlands, where he was instrumental in launching a phase 1 clinical trial for a vaccine that aims to spur the immune system to fight – and possibly cure – T1D. Plans are being developed for a larger phase 2 trial to launch in the future at City of Hope.

### Beta cell expansion and replacement

T1D and T2D both develop due to the dysfunction and demise of insulin-secreting beta cells. Researchers will work to improve methods of boosting and replacing beta cells to encourage long-term survival. Studies associated with the Wanek Family Project will derive new innovations to correct the beta cell dysfunction in diabetes.

### Preventing diabetes complications

Both T1D and T2D are associated with similar complications: accelerated heart, kidney, neural and eye diseases greatly increase morbidity and mortality rates in both diseases.

Scientists will work on intervening at the genetic level to reverse complications and will seek ways to predict the development of complications in order to prevent them from occurring.

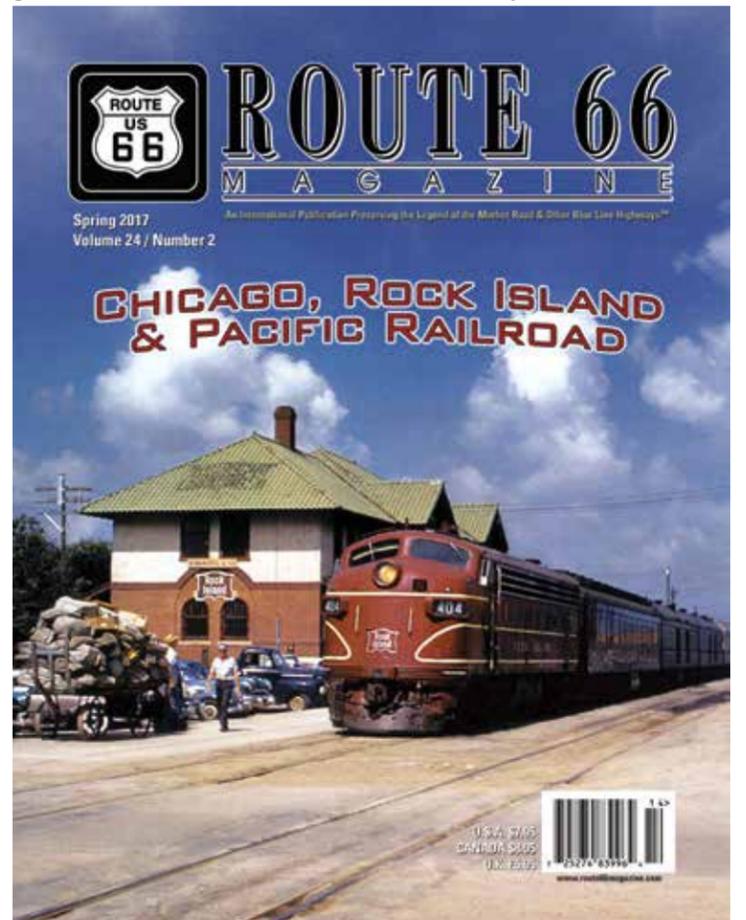
"City of Hope is extremely grateful for the Wanek family's significant gift that will enable the institution to forward type 1 diabetes research, the results of which will have worldwide impact," said Stone.

"Our family is extremely confident that City of Hope is the institution that will find a cure for the more than 1 million Americans who battle type 1 diabetes disease every day," Wanek said.



## Route 66 Magazine available in Duarte

Route 66 Magazine, the only magazine dedicated to the preservation of Route 66 and other Blue Line highways, is now available at the Duarte Chamber office, 1634 Third St., Duarte, or go to DuarteChamber.com to have it mailed to you.



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# Duarte City Manager's Update

By Darrell George, Duarte City Manager

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The City Manager's update is a news source designed to update the City Council, staff and community on the various issues that Departments are working on in addition to the status of items raised by the City Council during regular meetings. This is an excerpt from the March 13, 2017 update.

**Cal American Water** – The City staff met again with Cal American Water regarding the chemical of concern i.e.: 1.4 Dioxin levels at the Crownhaven well near the intersection of Las

Lomas and Huntington. Staff is currently awaiting additional test results from both Cal American and the local water quality agency.

**Time Warner High Speed Fiber Project** – Staff continues to meet with Time Warner/Spectrum on the possibility of bringing high-speed fiber to the City through the construction of the proposed FX hotel. Time Warner has prepared a contract for the City and an Assumption Agreement for the Hotel developer which both parties have agreed to sign. High-speed fiber would mean the possibility of

faster Internet speeds to residents/businesses and a series of Internet hotspots throughout the City.

**LARA San Gabriel Valley Regional Awards** – The City of Duarte hosted the annual San Gabriel Valley Regional Awards on February 22 at Royal Oaks Manor. Over 60 people from the LARA membership attended and recognized 21 businesses, schools and restaurants for their efforts in implementing AB 1826 and AB 341 from the cities of Pomona, Rosemead and Sierra Madre.

**Acquisition of Sparr Liquor Store** – The City Manager's Office has successfully negotiated the acquisition of Sparr liquor located at northeast corner of Huntington Drive and Buena Vis-

ta Street. Escrow opened in early February with anticipated closing on April 7. Staff has scheduled a demolition ceremony for April 12 at noon.

**ICSC SGVEP City Marketing Booth** – Staff has been working with a coalition of 26 cities and the Economic Partnership who have collectively funded a professional marketing booth to attract business to the San Gabriel Valley. The new booth will debut at the upcoming May Shopping Center Conference in Las Vegas May 21-23. The 20 x 20 booth will feature banners, conference and sitting areas, high definition monitors showcasing the benefits of doing business in the Valley.

**18-unit Development and Park Relocation (1101 Oak Ave & 1634 Third Street)** – The proposed project includes the removal of the existing Public Facilities building, Montessori school and City of Duarte Chamber of Commerce to construct 18 owner-occupied, two-story attached residences (e.g. townhomes) with

attached garages and relocate and reconstruct the existing Third Street Park. The project was reviewed by the Architectural Review Board for design review and a planned development permit (PDP), as well as, the Parks and Recreation Commission for park design and layout. Both meetings were held on February 13, 2017 and received a recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council. On February 21, 2017 the project was reviewed by the Planning Commission and received a recommended to City Council for consideration. A public hearing has been scheduled before the City Council on March 14, 2017.

**Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance** – The Duarte Development Code provides development standards (Section 19.60.160) for property owners to construct accessory (second) dwelling units, with the intent of providing an alternative housing option for residents. The current development

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# Duarte and Bradbury honor the Environment April 8 during joint "Earth Day" Volunteer Project

Duarte and Bradbury will honor the Earth with a variety of joint community volunteer projects starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, at the Duarte Teen Center.

This year's Earth Day celebration, sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries, Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley, Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District, and the LA County Sanitation Districts will include the planting of drought tolerant plants and trees in Encanto Park and Bradbury,

cleaning the Royal Oaks Trail, Duarte Park and retail parking lots along Huntington Drive.

Some 70 volunteers including 50 teens from the Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T), Cardinals Helping Youth Live Life (CHYLL), are expected to participate in the day's activities along with staff from Duarte and Bradbury.

A continental breakfast, a new t-shirt and guest speaker will kick off Earth Day activities at 9 a.m.



Mayors of both City's will also be on hand to officially welcome and thank volunteers.

The day will conclude with a vegan lunch, participation in a sustainable art project and creating an Earth Day PSA that will be featured on the City's Social Media platforms.

For more information, or to volunteer, please call Iliana Garcia at (626) 357-7931, ext. 227.

# Edison construction on Huntington Drive causing lane closures

Southern California Edison will be replacing an electrical vault at the northwest corner of Huntington Drive and Windsor Circle, 1935 Huntington Drive beginning March 20 causing westbound traffic to be reduced to one lane. The four-week electrical vault replacement process requires the temporary relocation of live wires causing the sidewalk to not be available to pedestrian traffic as well. These closures will occur Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until the removal is complete on or around

mid-April.

A utility vault is an underground room providing access to public utility equipment such as valves for water, natural gas pipes, or switchgears. Southern California Edison is currently working with the Homeowner's Association at Windsor Circle and a 24/7 security company, which will be on site to protect the public from the temporary construction. Please contact the City's Public Works Division at (626) 357-7931 ext. 230 for additional information.



# Duarte Painting Curb Addresses

The City of Duarte has hired a contractor, Care for the Children, to refresh painted curb addresses citywide. This service is being provided at no cost to residents or property owners. Please do not pay the painters or anyone that requests a fee or donation for curb painting. If you are approached by someone requesting a payment for curb number painting, please contact Duarte Public Safety at (626) 357-7938.

The contractor will paint your address within 1 to 3 days of the receipt of an official City notice. Please be sure to park your vehicles away from existing painted addresses. The contractor will paint over painting flags, murals, etc. on or adjacent to existing painted addresses. City policy permits only curb number painting in public right of way.

If you have any questions please contact, the contractor, Care for the Children at (888) 490-9751.

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# Duarte Teen Center serves our youth

Kiwanis Member Marilyn Mays has her hands full. She is the Manager of the Duarte Teen Center. She provided an amazing update on the Teen Center's Boxing Program at a recent Duarte Kiwanis Meeting.

The Boxing Program currently has:

- 65 registered amateur boxers (25 are females!),
- 3 professional boxers (one World Champion - Rhonda Luna).

The Boxing Club's head trainer, Victor Valenzuela was inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame and is a past recipient of the

NAACP Civic award.

The Boxing Club is open to children 8 years old and up. The Boxing team has had the opportunity to travel throughout the US as well as to a number of places outside the US such as Peru, South Korea, New Zealand and Tahiti (to name a few). The Boxers who travel to these locations are selected and sponsored by USA Boxing.

There is an upcoming annual Boxing Show which is a great fund raising opportunity.

In the past, Lisa Magno (a Duarte Kiwanis Member and much

loved and missed member of the Duarte community) provided all the food for the Boxing Show. The Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley will be providing that service this year in Lisa's memory.

Marilyn is also a key leader of the 7th annual ACT-SO competition being held on April 29 at the Duarte Sr. Center.

The NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school

students.

Marilyn and her team are looking for mentors and judges in a number of categories including Dance, Oratory, Film Making, Music Vocal, Photography, Dramatics, and even Business Entrepreneurship.

The Gold Medalists from this competition will have the opportunity to compete at the end of July in Baltimore.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club is proud to continue to support both the Duarte Teen Center and this year's Pasadena/Duarte ACT-SO competition.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

# Youth Spring Activities

## DUARTE ROTARY CLUB'S BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

On Saturday, April 15 the Duarte Rotary Club will host its annual Breakfast With the Easter Bunny. The event will be held at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 10 and under. All proceeds will benefit Rotary's local service projects.

Those in attendance will be treated to a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast cooked by Rotary Club members. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

After breakfast, enjoy some springtime crafts before heading over to the Egg Hunts!



## EASTER EGG HUNTS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will conduct the annual Duarte Easter Egg Hunts at Royal Oaks and Beardlee Parks on Saturday, April 15 beginning at 10 a.m. SHARP! The event is open to three divisions 3-4 years, 5-7 years and 8-10 years old. There is no charge for this event. Parents are asked to stay out of the hunting grounds, and no baskets or bags will be allowed. For more information call (626) 357-7931.

## SPRING BREAK EXCURSION

### Knott's Berry Farm Youth Excursion

An excursion to Knott's Berry Farm will be held on Wednesday, April 19.

Two Ways to Register: (Create your account now!)

1. Register Online! Visit [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com) > Quick Links > Register for Recreation Program
2. Register in person at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. beginning March 13.

Ride on Sierra Sidewinder, Xcelerator, Supreme Scream, Silver Bullet, Ghost Rider Roller Coaster and many more thrilling rides and attractions. The fee is \$42 for 8-17 year olds. The fee covers tickets and transportation. Meals are not included. Outside food is not allowed in the park. Space is limited. For more information call (626) 357-7931.



DUARTE TEEN CENTER Manager Marilyn Mays (left) and Duarte Kiwanis President Cheryl Reynolds.

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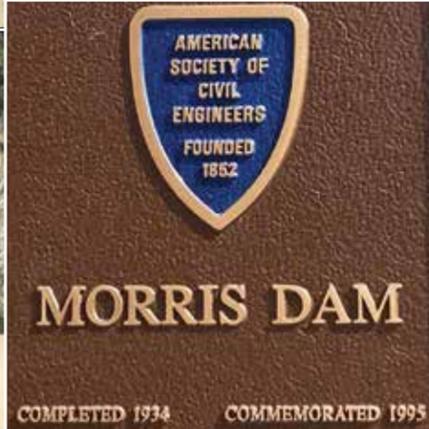
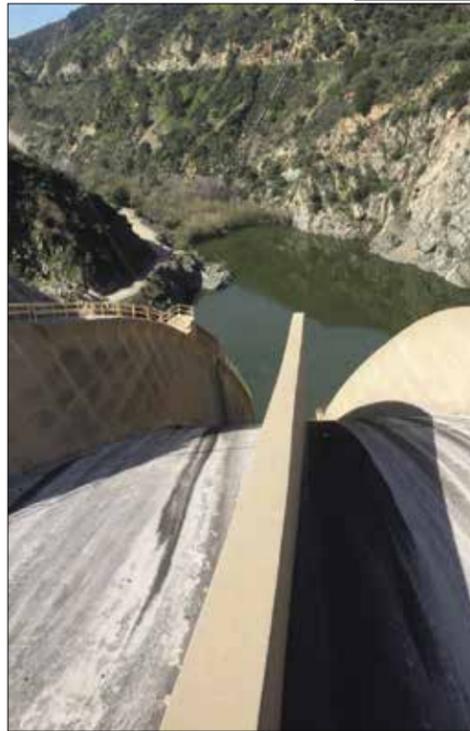
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# Morris Dam Tour

As part of a cultural exchange program a dozen Duarte Historical Museum members recently toured Morris Dam in San Gabriel Canyon.

Dam safety has been in the forefront lately and Principal Engineer Sterling Klippel and his staff explained the many safety features which keep the facility safe and well main-



tained.

The dam, originally built by the City of Pasadena, has as its mission flood protection and secondarily water capture and conservation.

Following the educational tour, the group gathered at the San Gabriel Dam and from there enjoyed a good look at the nesting bald eagles.

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standards for accessory (second) dwelling units allow for their construction within single-family zones, subject to certain development standards, which do not meet all requirements of two recently approved laws relating to accessory dwelling units: Assembly Bill 2299 (“AB 2299”) and Senate Bill 1069 (“SB 1069”). On March 14, 2017, City Council will consider amendments to the Duarte Development Code to align the City’s development standards for accessory dwelling units with new State laws that became effective on January 1, 2017.

**Duarte Nissan (1434 Buena Vista)** – In February of last year, Planning Commission approved a substantial remodel for Duarte Nissan consisting of new construction, demolition, façade enhancements, and various site improvements that were consistent with Nissan’s corporate image. Since the approval, Nissan has adjusted the corporate image leading Duarte Nissan to modify their previous approved design. The modification was presented to the Architectural Review Board on February 13, 2017 and then to the Planning Commission on February 21, 2017 where it was approved with conditions. The modifications complement the new corporate image of Nissan and create a better overall project for Duarte. Construction plans are currently being prepped for Building and Safety review, and will likely be submitted in the upcoming months.

**Duarte McDonald’s (1122 Huntington Drive)** – The Duarte McDonald’s has submitted a design review application and a conditional use permit application for a rebuild of the existing McDonald’s restaurant as part of

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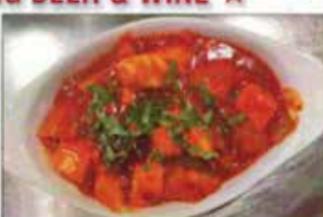
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# McDonald's

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the company's corporate image upgrade. The existing restaurant building, playhouse, and drive-thru will be demolished and replaced with a new 4,000 square-foot restaurant building and a new two-lane drive-thru. The exterior of the restaurant will contain a new architectural style using a variety of colors, materials and other features that are consistent with McDonald's corporate image. The project will require a recommendation from the Architectural Review Board and approval from the Planning Commission. Public hearing dates are pending.

**Aloysia Moore Park New Outdoor Fitness Gym and New Playground** – A ribbon-cutting event was presented at Aloysia Moore Park, to introduce the new playground equipment and Outdoor Fitness Gym. The upgrades to the park also included improvements to the landscaping/lawn, picnic tables, benches, garden walls and lampposts. The entire park now looks refreshed, beautiful and neighbors are working out regularly. The neighboring families have returned to the park to picnic, play and enjoy.



## Youth Mini-Soccer

Duarte Parks and Recreation will be taking registration at Duarte City Hall and at all local supervised playgrounds for youth mini soccer leagues starting Monday, March 13. The fee is \$35 per child and includes a jersey shirt. Practices are scheduled to begin the week of March 20. Children in 2nd to 6th grade will play in separate boys and girls leagues. Practices will be conducted during the week, after school, and will be held at local supervised parks. Games will be held on Saturdays at Otis Gordon Sports Park. The field size for league games is about half the size of a normal field. This fun and exciting 8 on 8-player league is perfect for all skill levels. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.

### Little All Stars Soccer for Boys and Girls

Little All Stars is an exciting non-competitive introduction to soccer especially suited for young players ages 4-8. Group 1 is 4, 5 & 6 years of age and group 2 is 7 & 8 years of age.

An introductory practice will be held Saturday, April 8. Games and practices will be held Tuesdays and Saturdays, April 11 – May 13 at Otis Gordon Sports Park, 2351 Central Avenue Duarte

Sign ups begin March 13 at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive. The fee is \$35 and includes a jersey shirt uniform.

# Duarte Kiwanis holiday families

Each year, the Duarte Kiwanis Club selects families to support during the holidays. This year, the club supporting Carla Zamarripa and her family. Carla is a single mother of 4 and a domestic violence survivor. She continues to work hard to provide her kids with everything they need to be successful. Duarte Kiwanis is

proud to help Carla provide a special holiday for her kids and remind her that she's not alone.

This holiday season, the Duarte community lost a wonderful volunteer leader, Laura Silverman. In her memory, the club has also selected her family to be one of the holiday family recipients. Community member,



CARLA ZAMARRIPA (right) receiving holiday support from Duarte Kiwanis Club President Cheryl Reynolds.

Sheryl Lefmann, was pleased to receive the check for the family.

Duarte Kiwanis Club President Cheryl Reynolds was honored to present both checks.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

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### NOTARY SERVICE

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### FREE LEGAL CLINIC

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### PING PONG

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### ON THE MOVE RIDERS CLUB

Join Duarte's "On the Move Rider's Club" for one of their upcoming trips. It's a great way to learn more about public transportation systems. Reservations required and forms must be filled out prior to trip. Come by the Senior Center and grab a flyer to see where their next destination will be or call the Center at (626) 357-3513.

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUARTE

Enjoy some conversation with Duarte Councilmember Liz Reilly

at the Senior Center. Liz is at the Senior Center once a month. Call the Center at (626) 357-3513 to find out the next time she will be there.

### FEE AND CHARGE CLASSES

#### Registration Procedures!

Register for classes online at [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com) beginning March 13. Set up your profile now. Walk in registration for all excursions will be held at the Duarte Senior Center beginning March 13. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover

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### ADULT EXCURSIONS

#### Registration Procedures!

Register for excursions online at [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com) beginning March 13. Set up your profile now. Walk in registration for all excursions will be held at the Duarte Senior Center beginning March 13. **Bus will now pick up at the Duarte Civic Center overflow parking lot at 1620 Huntington Drive, Duarte, unless otherwise noted.** We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover

### Gemological Institute of America and The Flower Fields of Carlsbad

Tuesday, April 18, 7:45 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fee: \$55 (Lunch included). Resident discount price: \$47, non-resident discount price: \$51

The first stop of our trip to Carlsbad will be at the Gemological Institute of America, the world's leading authority and educator on diamonds, colored stones, and pearls. A Photo I.D. is required for entry (driver's license, passport, etc.) Please wear comfortable shoes. Although there are places to sit along the tour route, we will be walking or standing for approximately 50 minutes during the tour. You'll

have an opportunity to learn about the institute's world renowned educational programs, explore gem and jewelry exhibits, and see the Tower of Brilliance: the world's largest crystal octahedron. Following the tour, we will stop for lunch at the Soup Plantation, then our next stop will be the Flower Fields. As we approach you'll see beautiful plants covering the hillside above the pacific shoreline create a "sea of flowers". We'll board a tractor-drawn wagon for a self-guided wagon ride that includes a history of the Flower Fields. There will be time after the tour to visit the gift shop where you can purchase fresh cut flowers, plants, bulbs and a variety of specialty garden items.

### Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden, Arlington Garden and The Gamble House

Wednesday, May 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fee: \$72 (lunch included). Resident discount price: \$64, non-resident discount price: \$68

Our first stop today will be at Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden. Conceived in the 1930's as a private garden reserved for the enjoyment of an aristocratic Pasadena couple, the garden has been re-imagined as a space to be shared. This secret garden hidden from view for decades has recently undergone a transformative restoration and renewal. It will be a short walk to the Arlington Garden in Pasadena, a 3-acre lot owned by Caltrans and leased to the City of Pasadena. Since 1961 it had sat vacant, now the garden inspired by Jan Smither's book Sun Drenched Gardens; The Mediterranean Style and designed by Maylta Dinos, it allows visitors and passerbys to enjoy the beauty and serenity of a garden in our urban setting. Following the gardens, we're off for lunch at Bucca di Beppo. Our final stop for the day will be at The Gamble House in Pasadena. It is an outstanding example of American Arts and Crafts style architecture. The house and furnishing were designed by architects Green & Green in 1908 for David and Mary Gamble of the Procter and Gamble Company.

### Santa Barbara and Los Olivos

Wednesday, June 7, 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$50 (lunch on your own). Resident discount price: \$42, non-resident discount price: \$46

Our day begins with a drive north with a stop for lunch and shopping in Santa Barbara. Nicknamed the "American Riviera," this scenic seaside town, rich in history and un paralleled beauty is truly a sight to see. Next we will continue north to Los Olivos, a picture-perfect country town. Dating back to 1860's when the stagecoach route began to pass through. We will stop at the Zaca Mesa Vineyard and winery where we will enjoy three white and three red wine tastings along with cheese and crackers. Purchase your own wine if you would like to bring some home. Then we will leave the vineyard to stop in the main part of town where you'll discover retail treasures or you can sip local vintages at a tasting room (choose among more than 30 within a 5-block area). We will then board the coach for home. We will pass out sandwiches 1/2 turkey, 1/2 ham prepared at the Senior Center to hold you over for the ride home. You are more than welcome to bring your own sack lunch or any snack you wish.

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# Citrus College program to keep students on track and on time

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell  
Citrus College Governing Board Member

The time it takes students to attain their educational goals is an important component of their success. At Citrus College, streamlining the process of college completion is a priority.

Whether students seek a degree, a certificate or transfer to a four-year college or university, keeping them on track and on time has many benefits. One method for doing so is to place them in courses that accurately reflect their capabilities. For more than twenty years, California's community colleges have been required to assess and place students in courses through means other than a single test score. Many colleges, however, continued to rely primarily on test scores for placement.

Today, based on growing evidence that using multiple measures can greatly improve the accuracy of the placement process, colleges across the nation are beginning to expand their assessment tools, using additional measures, such as high school transcripts and student interviews. The result has been an acceleration in a student's time-to-degree completion and a reduction in the need for remedial courses.

This fall, Citrus College will participate in a multiple measures pilot study with our Early Decision students. Early Decision is a program offered by Citrus College to graduating seniors in

the college's feeder high schools, including Duarte High School (DHS). The program involves presentations, campus visits and application workshops by college staff on the DHS campus and placement testing and orientation on the Citrus College campus.

Citrus College's pilot study will use multiple measures assessment rules provided by the Research and Planning Group (RP Group) for California Community Colleges.

The goal of the model is to provide more accurate placement through the consistent use of the student's high school grade point average (GPA) and the last grade the student earned in an English and/or math course in high school.

Similar studies using multiple measures for placement are underway at community colleges throughout California, and the results have been impressive. Students who are placed using multiple measures are performing better than expected. Since the use of multiple measures tends to place students in higher level courses than assessment tests alone, students eliminate unnecessary, and often discouraging, remedial coursework. According to Ken Sorey, the senior executive vice president of the Educational Results Partnership and an expert on California's Multiple Measures Assessment Project, "...a student's past performance, as indicated in high school transcript data, is a more reliable measure to accurately place a student than



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

an assessment test alone." Results of the research studies show that many students save a semester or two and complete their college goals sooner.

Sorey proposes that community colleges discuss the changes in placement methodologies with their local high schools. Citrus College has invited him, along with John Hetts, senior director of data science at the Educational Results Partnership, to present at our 2017 K-14 Education Forum in April, an event that will include board members, superintendents and school staff from our local K-12 unified school districts. The title of their presentation is, "The Common Assessment and Multiple Measures Project."

As part of the forum, Citrus College counselors, deans and other staff will also discuss the work that is being done to implement the multiple measures pilot project at Citrus College next fall. The implementation of a multiple measures model should include collaboration with those who

will be affected by the changes. Citrus College has already been working with our local school districts to better align curriculum and to prepare high school students for college-level coursework.

We look forward to continued dialogue with our K-12 partners to accelerate and enhance student completion and success at Citrus College.

# Homeless receiving help

Naelh Othman and Sheryl Lefmann have been committed to serving homeless kids within the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD), Naelh as a District employee and Sheryl as a Duarte Chamber of Commerce Board Member.

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, school districts are responsible to ensure children in homeless situations (including couch surfing, multiple families living together, living out of cars, etc.) are served. Many times, these students don't have basic necessities such as jackets, pencils, paper and many other items.

Naelh, with the help of Duarte Kiwanis, was able to set up a Memorandum of Understanding with ACTS Thrift Store in Pasadena to help serve these kids. DUSD collects donations of many kinds, ACTS picks up the donations, and gives DUSD a voucher that can be used by these students. CHIK (Community Homeless Initiative for Kids) received a donation check from Duarte Kiwanis at a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting. The public will be able to help by donating directly to the program through the Duarte Chamber website very soon.

For additional information please contact Naelh Othman at (626) 599-5010 or Nothman@duarteusd.org.



COMMUNITY HOMELESS INITIATIVE FOR KIDS (CHIK) representatives (from left) Sheryl Lefmann and Naelh Othman are receiving a donation check from Duarte Kiwanis President Cheryl Reynolds.

# Senior Center

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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.

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**JANET GILES AWARDED** second place for her sage green sweater and hat in the hand-knitting (small) category.  
Photo by Claudia Heller

## Duarte Woman's Club collects prizes at District Craft Festival

By Claudia Heller

Helping Duarte students, aiding the city in projects, supporting Veteran causes and sisterhood are among the projects at the heart of the Duarte Woman's Club. However, the DWC ladies congratulated each other recently when they counted up the awards they earned at the San Gabriel Valley District of Woman's Club's Birthday Council Craft Festival at Pio Park.

A stunning display of craft items created by DWC members included several items crafted by Luz Porlier each of which took first place in their category. This included white with blue buttons hand knitted baby sweater; hand-knitted baby afghan; Santa Claus Christmas decoration; and a latch-hook swan mat. Some 29 items crafted by DWC members received prize ribbons.

"Our ladies are hard workers, volunteering on several levels, but they are also very talented women who find pleasure in the arts and enjoy submitting their creations in the District Craft Fair," says Jean Glass, DWC Co-President.

The Club is open to women over the age of 18. For more information call Luz at (626) 357-0954.

## Recreation spring classes

Registration for Spring classes begins Monday, March 13. You can now register online by visiting [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com) >Quick Links > Recreation Programs or you can register in person at Duarte City Hall Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive after setting up a profile.

Classes will begin the week of March 27.

The Duarte Recreation Department is offering classes for adults, teens, children and families.

Spring recreation classes include Advanced Ballet, Ballet, Belly Dancing, Bricks 4 Kidz, Cake Decorating, Cartoon Drawing, Cheerleading Basics, Circus Gymnastics, Computer Training, Critical Reading and Written Expression, Dog Obedience Boot Camp, Drama for Kids, DYBO/Jazz Dance, Folklorico, Golf, Guitar, Hip Hop Dance, Homework Helper, Intro to Typing, Karate, Line Dance for Beginners, Math Workshop, Mixed Martial Arts, Needle Art, Piano, Polynesian Dance, Salsa Dance, Sewing, Tai Chi Kung, Tap, Tennis, Toddler Gym, Tumbling, Vocals, Yoga, Young Rembrandts and more!

For more information please contact the Duarte Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. or visit [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com).

## Walentas bring frozen custard to Duarte

By Claudia Heller

Andrew and Selfie Walenta have lived in Duarte for four years and couldn't be happier with the town they call home. But doubts arose on a quiet January evening when a bullet struck their store window, shattering the glass, only feet from where the family was sitting.

Andrew was raised in Milwaukee, the "unofficial frozen custard capital of the world." Frozen custard was a favorite throughout his formative years, yet the craze of the Midwest is almost nonexistent in the West, a fact he was determined to change. He and his wife opened Frozen Sweet about four months ago. It is located in the Grocery Outlet Plaza, 1428 Huntington Drive. Frozen custard is different from ice cream in several ways including the fact that it contains egg yolks and contains a lot less air. They carry chocolate, strawberry and vanilla, plus a fourth flavor which varies such as green tea, strawberry-banana and coffee. Fresh fruit is always used.

Another difference from yogurt or ice cream is the machines that are used. The Walentas invested in these special machines which minimize the amount of air in the product. Although frozen custard has been around since the early 1900s, the machines were not developed until later. The desert became popular at the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago and frozen custard stands began popping up all over the Midwest.

Thanks to the recipe of Andrew's great grandmother, the shop also sells chocolate chip cookies "which are always a customer favorite," he says.

The Walentas have two children who attend Royal Oaks School. "We love Duarte," says Andrew. "It keeps that small-town atmosphere." The unease the family suffered

after the shooting incident has dulled, and they look forward to a successful business. They are members of the Duarte Chamber.

To show that the community supports them and that the unfortunate shooting incident is not what Duarte is about, members of the Duarte Woman's Club showed up en masse to partake of the prized product. "It's creamier than ice cream," says Jean Glass, DWC co-president.



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Frozen custard is gaining popularity in California, and the Walentas are thrilled to be part of the movement.



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# Pilot Street Sweeping Program update; warnings begin April 12, citations May 10

Starting the week of March 6th and concluding on the 31st, the City of Duarte will be adding both updated and new parking restriction signs to streets within the designated Street Sweeping Pilot Program area.

The new signage was in response to action taken by the Duarte City Council on October 25, 2016 to revamp the original

pilot program that required vehicle removal from both sides of the street on street sweeping days to allowing residents to park on one side one day, and the other side the next.

This change was approved by the Council after staff reported about the program's initial effects including the residents' overwhelming support including

some form of parking restriction on street sweeping days.

Street sweeping will be conducted during the stated times on the north and west side of the street on Wednesday's and the south and east side of the street on Thursday's.

Written warnings about the new parking restrictions will start in the pilot area on April 12 and 13

occurring again on April 26 and 27.

Citations for parking violations on street sweeping days will commence beginning May 10, 2017. The cost per citation is \$63.

In response to concerns about street cleanliness and litter, the Duarte City Council originally voted earlier last year in May to launch a pilot street sweeping program effective July 1, 2016.

The program involved a designated area of the City which had signs posted ordering the removal of vehicles on both sides of the street on street sweeping days to facilitate unobstructed access to curb and gutter by the sweeper.

For additional information on the proposed street sweeping program, contact Duarte Public Safety at 626-357-7938.

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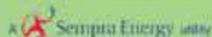
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## School-Business partnerships that work

Dr. Allan J. Mucerino, Superintendent,  
Duarte Unified School District

Nationwide, schools and businesses are working together to benefit students, teachers, and entire communities. Successful partnerships can be found across the grades, in schools large and small.

But not every school district is fortunate to have such a large company headquartered in its backyard. We are fortunate in Duarte to have two. Both the City of Hope and Delafield Corporation are leaders in their industry and have partnered with Duarte Unified to transform the high school experience to better serve our students and our community.

These types of programs are referred to as pathway programs. They are co-designed by schools and their industry partners to prepare students for college, career, community and life. The programs combine four components: rigorous academics, career and technical education, work-based learning, and student supports. Our most recent partnership is with Delafield Corporation, a full line distributor specializing in the engineering, manufacturing and sales of products that utilize piping, pumps, hoses, manifolds, valves, and tubing to move both fluids and gases.

Headquartered in an 80,000-square foot facility in Duarte, the company has manufacturing and sales offices in Texas, San Diego, and Fontana. Duarte Unified and Delafield have joined forces with the Southern California Gas Company and Mount San Antonio College to create a STEM program of study that involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge and work-based learning in the manufacturing sector.

Similar to our biotechnology partnership with the City of Hope, students participate in an extensive 8-week summer apprenticeship on the industry site, working with industry professionals. In both of these programs students experience college and industry while still in high school and have a variety of certifications available to them. Students who complete the programs have college and career options.

In this new era of education where choice is the operative word, Duarte Unified School District is setting a new standard by offering a variety of choices in a variety of settings.



DR. ALLAN MUCERINO



DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL Black Student Union Members and Guest Speaker T.K. Carter at Black History Luncheon held on February 28.

## Coming together to celebrate Black History Month at DUSD

On February 28 a luncheon was held that drew approximately 50 students and adults that was inspired by Freshman Dylar Spicer, President of the Duarte High School Black Student Union. It was an opportunity to come together and celebrate Black History Month.

Teacher and BSU Advisor, Lisa Bowdoin, coordinated the event which was the culmination of a conversation Ms. Bowdoin had with Spicer, a first-year student at the school.

"He came up one day and asked me why we didn't have a Black Student Union on campus," said Bowdoin. "I explained we did in the past, but that interest had sort of died off. Spicer said, 'We need one.' That led to us forming one this year."

So the BSU was rekindled, and one of the first events was to sponsor this luncheon as part of Black History Month. Recognition was offered for BSU students who are seniors and will be moving on to college and careers after the school year. There was also a chance to touch on the theme of

Education and Freedom, Moving Forward with Knowledge. The luncheon also provided a chance to sample black culture from the delicious food items offered.

A highlight of the celebration was an appearance by comedian T.K. Carter – a Duarte High graduate from the Class of 1975.

Carter began his stand-up routine at age 12, and, by high school, appeared in Neil Simon's production of "The Odd Couple." He has since appeared in multiple movies such as cult classics The Thing and Runaway Train. He also had comedic roles in the films Space Jam, A Rage in Harlem and Ski Patrol, and starred in TV series like Good Times, Everybody Hates Raymond and The Steve Harvey Show.

Carter shared his message of hard work and tenacity as a path for success in the entertainment

industry with the BSU students.

The students then performed a stirring rendition of the historic Negro National Anthem that was followed by words of inspiration from school board member, Mr. Ken Bell, who was first elected to the Board in 1989 and whose professional career included 21 years with the L.A. Sheriff's Department, and 15 years with the L.A. County District Attorney's office as an investigator.

"This was a much needed event in which we were able to come together and appreciate our community support and share ideas for success," said Bowdoin.

The accomplishment of this first event was a great way to re-energize the Black Student Union at Duarte High School and an excellent opportunity for our entire learning community to celebrate Black History Month.

## 'Just Google it' is more than a saying in Duarte USD

More than 200 educators converged on Duarte High School and Northview Intermediate Schools Feb. 25-26 to enhance their skills with the technology applications offered by Google.

The teachers, about half from Duarte schools and the other half from other districts in the San Gabriel Valley, spent two free days of their own time attending the Google Summit to enhance their teaching skills and methods through technology.

The Summit, one of many such events held around the country but a first for the San Gabriel Valley, focuses on how

educators, administrators and students can take technology to a new level. Instead of being just a tool for the classroom, technology is now becoming a platform to drive learning in the modern educational arena.

Duarte Unified School District, under the guidance of Superintendent Allan Mucerino, has pledged to form a district of 21st Century Learners learning from highly motivated 21st Century Teachers, using the tools now available through technology.

"This educational summit, in partnership with the EdTech Team, helped our teachers embrace the options now offered through Google," said Dr. Mucerino. "This is a great tribute to our district, and our staff, that so many educators from across this Valley opted to gain professional development on two weekend days right here in Duarte."

Duarte USD's commitment started with the district commitment to fund the tuition for each of the educators who volunteered to attend the event. Additionally, Duarte High School Principal Mark Sims funded the tuition for 15 students who are technology change agents helping guide their peers in using the tools.

The Google Educational Suite of tools which form the basis for the curriculum for the two-day

event include the follow products or applications: Drive, Docs, Slides, Sheets, Drawings, YouTube, Classroom, Maps and more.

The seminars were taught by Google Certified Teachers, Google Education Trainers and Google Innovators, all of who have taken extensive training in the use of technology in the classroom.

Duarte High School teacher Joe Kenney was one of the driving forces for taking the district's use of technology to a new level, and was among the class leaders at the Summit. In preparation for this event, Kenney attended a similar event at Google's headquarters in Mountain View, CA.

"I was able to see top-notch presenters offering their knowledge of Google and other cloud-based platforms to equally motivated teachers and came away inspired with the prospects for our Summit," said Kenney.

Some of the seminar topics are illustrative of the drive towards a more tech-savvy classroom:

- No More Worksheets: creating a more digital classroom.



- Google Maps: The map is your textbook.
- Personalize your YouTube channel for personalized learning.
- Think Global – Act Google

Duarte's commitment to technology goes back to decisions made by the Board of Education and placed in motion in recent years by Dr. Mucerino, including a decision that every student will have access to computers, tablets and other devices. The district's management team has also committed resources to having bandwidth and Wi-Fi capability for a technology based district.

Teachers came away from the seminar with the ability to take the tools available through the Google Suite and turn them into lessons for all levels of students.

"Our education professionals came away with a better understanding of the technology available to them and were able to see the way these platforms will drive learning in the 21st Century classroom," summed up Dr. Mucerino.

Kudos to the entire Duarte USD Tech Team led by Chief Technology Officer, Eric Ramos, who helped ensure the event was a success.



## WASC Visiting Committee provides positive praise for Duarte High

A Visiting Committee of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation Commission (WASC) completed their mid-cycle visit of Duarte High School on March 14.

At the end of their three day visit observing in classrooms and speaking with students, staff and parents, the Committee members shared at the public read out session how impressed they were with the significant progress and meaningful staff development they had detected, especially in the areas of technology, Writing Across the Communities, Rigorous Curriculum Design, and engaging instructional strategies they noted had served to promote student learning.

## Enroll for Pre-K, TK, & KG Today

Enrollment for Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten is underway now at Duarte Unified.

Half-day, full-day, income eligible and fee-based preschool programs are available for children ages 3-4. For applications, call 626-599-5123 or visit the Child Development Office on the campus of Andres Duarte.

Duarte USD also offers full day Kindergarten and TK classes. Registration requirements for Kindergarten are a birth certificate indicating 5th birthday prior to September 2, 2017. TK requirements are children whose 5th birthday is between September 1, and December 2, 2017.

To simplify the process, we are now offering online registration that can be accessed at <http://register.duarteusd.org>. Registration packets are also available at each Duarte USD elementary school site.

Families of new students planning to attend the district next year are also encouraged to begin registering at this time. To receive enrollment information call (626) 599-5010.

We encourage prospective families to tour all of our schools to see our learning community in action. Sign up for a date to visit our campuses online at [come2duarteusd.com](http://come2duarteusd.com).

If you have questions regarding the enrollment process, please contact student services coordinator, Naelh Othman, by phone at (626) 599-5010 or email at [nothman@duarteusd.org](mailto:nothman@duarteusd.org).



"The Visiting Committee's commendations validate the heightened focus on academic rigor the DHS administrators and staff have worked diligently to set in place so that our students are prepared for college, career and life as our district mission states," said School Board President, Reyna Diaz.

The Visiting Committee also applauded all members of the school for creating a welcoming and safe campus with student feedback reflecting a "family" atmosphere. They acknowledged the school for creating a comprehensive plan for aligning content to Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and literacy standards.

School Board Member Ken Bell shared, "As I sat there listening to the WASC committee members give their summation comments of their latest evaluations of the DHS staff, I was very proud. They were very complementary about what they observed. There was significant progress, especially in the peer tutoring and the overall campus atmosphere. They made a statement about the family atmosphere that was very evident."

"I could not help but think how important the high school is to DUSD. This is our flag ship institution for our school district. It is the facility that demonstrates the culmination of all we do for our students to prepare them for the world and the work force for tomorrow. I could not but reflect how proud I am to have had 5 children to have been educated in this school district. My children have been well prepared for the

journey of life and the working world. Congratulations to Dr Mark Sims and his fantastic staff for the outstanding job they have done."

Duarte High School will continue to focus on EL student achievement and monitoring, as well as creating common formative assessments in order to utilize the data to support the interventions in their unique Peer Tutoring model.

Members of the Visiting Committee were the same that also participated in the WASC visit in 2014. They stated they were amazed and impressed with the changes that have been put in place in such a short time.

After hearing the Visiting Committee's report, School Board Member Reverend Doug Edwards stated,

"Some of the best Education in San Gabriel Valley is being served up fresh at Duarte High. It is being prepared and delivered by talented, creative staff with lots of local ingredients. The quality is never been better and the critics are raving about the changes. Common Core has never looked so appealing nor achieved such recognition."

"The WASC visit confirms what is becoming known across the region, that if you want a great high school education that prepares students for success in life, Duarte is the place!"

"Just wait until the Fall when our menu expands to include some of the best performing arts education in the nation!"

The final recommendation from the WASC commission is expected in June.

## Celebrating athletic successes for DHS winter teams

The success of the girls basketball team once again helped highlight the winter sports season at Duarte High School as five teams represented the school well, according to Dean of Athletics James Heggins.

"I'm definitely happy with the effort of our teams and what individuals accomplished, and want to salute the coaches of the winter sports teams for their great efforts," said Heggins. "As we transition to the spring sports, it's time to look ahead and appreciate the goals and efforts of our teams as we enjoy our athletic successes."

Prominent in any discussion of Duarte High sports success is the girls basketball team the last two seasons. This year's team, following in the CIF Championship appearance of a year earlier, once again was a dominate force in the Montview League, sweeping all 10 games, and posting a 27-5 overall record. They currently own a 35 game Montview League win streak.

The Lady Falcons, coached by Scott Wiard, went three games deep into the CIF playoffs before losing in the CIF IA quarterfinals to Huntington Beach. The Falcons moved up four playoff divisions competing in one of the deepest

## Duarte ACSA Golden Apple awarded to Nina Thompson

Nina Thompson received the ACSA Region 15 Golden Apple Award for service to the Duarte Unified School District in a presentation Wednesday morning, February 22.

Thompson is the office manager at Duarte High School, but her current position is just part of a long history with the district, which began with her graduation from Duarte High School in 1988 and which has continued through her time as a parent of six students either currently or previously enrolled in DUSD Schools.

"Nina is the best example of service in our schools," said Superintendent Allan Mucerino in presenting the award to Thompson. "She puts the needs of the children in our district ahead of everything else, and that defines why she was chosen for this award."

"Every school has behind-the-scenes heroes like Nina who do so many things for the students and the school and this is a great opportunity to recognize her service."

Jennifer Romero, Principal of Beardslee Elementary and DUSD's ACSA representative, helped present the award. Ms. Thompson's husband Lorenzo and daughter Tierney were on hand for the presentation as well.

"She has made a name for herself by quietly providing service over the years in our district," said Romero. "When I told her about the award, she said she doesn't deserve it."

Such is the type of service that the Association of California School Administrators like to honor. Present as part of the Region 15 ceremony were winners from 10 districts: Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Garvey, La Canada, South Pasadena, Rosemead, Temple City, San Gabriel

and San Marino.

Thompson has served the district and its students, teachers and administrators over the years as her children have progressed through Royal Oaks Elementary, Northview Intermediate, and Duarte High School.

At Royal Oaks, she served as a daily volunteer in the classrooms, through PTA in various posts including president, and hosting book fairs. She provided transportation to students and parents and made sure all students had supplies and uniforms.

At Northview, Thompson was instrumental in leading the school's annual trip to Washington, D.C. She also organized various student and parent meetings and made sure all those wanting to attend had a way to raise funds for their trip.

At Duarte High School, where two of her children still attend, she has been a basketball parent and served in the snack bar, she has counseled students of all ages and provided clothing, supplies and meals to many students with various needs.

A number of students offered thoughts about Ms. Thompson and what she had done for them. Some of their thoughts:

"She was always there when no one else would be."

"She has given me great advice."

"She has always been a positive person in times when nothing seemed to be going right at school or at home."

"She has been my taxi driver, my mom, my counselor, and caretaker, and has always been loving and positive."

It's easy to see why Nina Thompson was selected for the Golden Apple Award by the administrators of Duarte Unified School District.



AT THE ACSA AWARD CEREMONY on February 22 are, from left, Cheryl Taylor, School Board Vice President; Reyna Diaz, School Board President; Golden Apple recipient Nina Thompson; Dr. Allan Mucerino, DUSD Superintendent; and Ken Bell, School Board Member.

divisions in the Southern Section. While the successes were of the team variety, there were also individual triumphs, including league honors.

Junior forward Patricia Morris averaged 17.5 points and 13 rebounds per game and was named Most Valuable Player in the Montview League. Teammates Ryley Thompson (senior guard) and Delaney Thompson (soph-

omore guard) were also honored as first team all-league. Junior guard Macy Barnes was named second team all-league and junior guard Dani Anguiano and Senior forward Georgina Zamora earned honorable mention.

Another girls team with success this winter was the soccer team, which also advanced to the

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DHS GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

# Construction Underway at Duarte Unified



**NEW DUARTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Office lobby.**

If you've visited the district office of the Duarte Unified School District lately, you have seen for yourself that the promise of the future has already arrived. The modern design of the remodeled lobby matches the bold academic renaissance taking place throughout the district.

The updates to the district office, started in December 2016,

## Soccer

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CIF playoffs after a third-place finish in league and a 5-4-1 record (9-10-4 overall).

Coach Manuel Penate's team lost to Jurupa Hills in the first round of the CIF Playoffs. Alexa Moreno and Kylie Davis were named to the Montview League first team.

Also honored on the second team were Lindsay Lathrop and Jacquie Huerta. Anadina Morales and Elizabeth Mendez were honorable mention.

The Duarte High boys wrestling team had seven individuals advance to the CIF Individual Wrestling Championships. The team compiled a 3-3 overall record. Those who won their classes in league were Mikey Romo, Nick Torres, Daniel Contreras, Jarren Gomez, Rudy Arteaga, Chis Maghadian and Rudy Huerta.

The Duarte's boys soccer team compiled a 6-10-1 record and finished fifth in Montview league with a 3-7 record under coach Milan Traglov. Individual honors went to Carlos Serna (first team all-league), Christian Rodriguez (second team) and Chris Angel and David Faris (honorable mention).

The Duarte boys basketball team came together under first-year coach Jelani Gardner and finished in 4th place in the league with a 3-7 record. Daniel Pena was honored on the first-team all-league team.

Here's a brief look at the spring sports which are just starting:

**Baseball:** Coach Ryan Marcos is expecting big things from a team that won its first game and hopes to build on the lessons from last year. Standout returning players are shortstop Juan Garcia and first baseman Christian DeWeese.

**Softball:** New Coach Casey McPhail inherits a team that won the Montview League last year. She said high hopes for this season come with the return of shortstop Alyssa Renskers, center fielder Sarah Bouza, pitcher Kalani Schwartz and second baseman Nicole Michels.

**Tennis:** Boys coach Byron Leong said top returning players

are funded by Developer Fees, not Measure E Bond dollars or General Fund sources. Developer Fees can only be allocated to pay for facility improvement projects. They cannot be spent on other items like supplies, salaries or programs.

The Board of Education did approve the expenditure of Measure E funds to begin modernization projects to accommodate the transition to K-8 models in

include Shahil Prabhu, Casey Sims, John Lathrop, Jonathon Galicia and Felipe Valdez.

**Track:** Coach Wardell Crutchfield indicated the arrival of a number of two-sport athletes from the football team should revitalize this co-ed team. Football players Justin Hillyer and Rodney Collier

accordance with the district's Facilities Master Plan and Competitive Advantage Plan.

Andres Duarte, Beardslee, Maxwell and Royal Oaks will be remodeled to become K-8 campuses.

Interim classrooms will be installed adjacent to Duarte High School to house 8th grade students for the 2017-18 school year that will be called the 8th Grade Village.

These projects will be funded by Bond Measure E that was approved by the voters in November 2010. The Board of Education

are expected to make their mark in the sprints once they transition to track conditioning.

**Swimming:** Kerry Olson is the new coach of this co-ed team and looks forward to success from returning athletes Blanca Olson, Cali Rojas Oloteo, Xochilt Aviles and Ben Helms.



**DHS GIRLS SOCCER TEAM**

authorized Measure E funds, in the amount of \$20 million, be available for these projects at the Board Meeting held on February 16, 2017.

Duarte USD has contracted architect Jay Tittle of the Little Diversified Architectural Consulting firm for these projects and the district's Facilities Master Plan.

Future projects include a culinary arts classroom expansion and a sports complex at the campus of Duarte High School to be funded through the state school improvement bond which was approved by the California voters in November 2016.

View the estimated timeline phases for each project outlined below.

### Andres Duarte Phase I

Site work at Central Avenue parking lot and student drop-off/pick-up. Open date: August, 2017

### Andres Duarte Phase II

Modernization of existing buildings to create science labs, music room, and locker rooms. Site work to add staff parking. Open date: August 2018

### Beardslee Phase I

Construction of 4 new classrooms with restrooms, site work and new amphitheater. Estimated Open Date: December, 2017

### Beardslee Phase II

Modernization of existing buildings to create science labs, music room, and locker rooms. Estimated Open Date: August, 2018

### Maxwell Phase I

Construction of 4 new classrooms with restrooms and site

work. Est. open date: December 2017

### Maxwell Phase II

Modernization of existing buildings to create science lab, music room, and locker rooms. Estimated Open Date: August 2018

### Royal Oaks Phase I

Construction of 14 new classrooms with restrooms, site work, and additional parking lot with new exit to Royal Oaks Drive. Estimated Open Date: August, 2017

### Royal Oaks Phase II

Modernization of existing classrooms to create science labs, music rooms and locker rooms. Estimated Open Date: August, 2018

### 8th Grade Interim Village

Installation of 12 modular classrooms in the Duarte High School staff parking lot for the 2017-2018 school year. Convert the PLC to administration space for the Village.

Estimated Open Date: August, 2017

### Duarte High School Culinary Arts Plan

Expansion and improvement of the culinary arts classroom space. Estimated Open Date: August, 2018

### Duarte High School Sports Complex

Modernize and air condition existing gymnasium. Add lobby with restrooms, ticket sales and snack bar to gym.

Relocate tennis courts. Modernize both locker rooms to add team rooms. Improve sports fields and access road west of gym. Estimated Open Date: TBD

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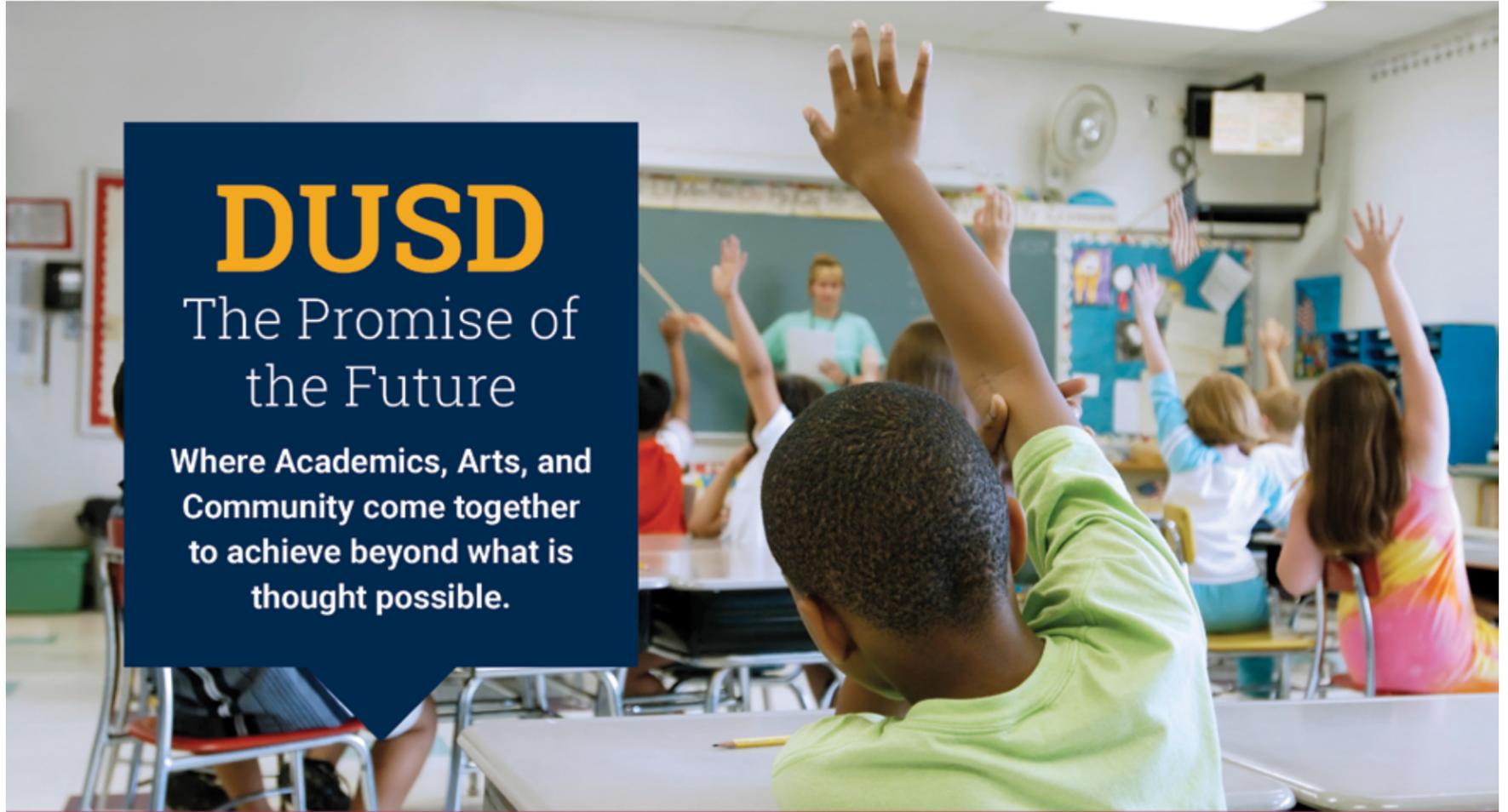
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 that enable all students to learn.





# Duarte Woman's Club names Janet Giles Jones as Woman of the Year

By Claudia Heller

She has lived in Duarte since she was a year old, attended Maxwell School and Duarte High School, graduating from Citrus College. Her contributions to the community were recognized recently as she was named Woman of the Year, the most coveted Award bestowed by the Duarte Woman's Club.

Janet Giles Jones joined the

and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends. Class meets once a week on Wednesday from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Fee is \$2 per class.

### Girls Night Out

This free program is for teen girls grades 9-12. Discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships and much more. The group will meet Fridays, March 10 & 24, April 7 & 21 and May 12 & 26 from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

### Work It Out

Come join Teen Center staff Thursdays from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. for "Work it Out", a fitness program for teens that includes video workouts, walking excursions, circuit training, and nutrition. Come get fit with friends!

### 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. Participants learn all the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape!

Participants 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. Youth can train for fun and physical activity or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at the annual Boxing Show. The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register at the Duarte Teen Center. Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or stop by for a visit.

DWC in 2013 and since that time she has been an active member, consistently volunteering for and participating in club projects such as the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, National Night Out and the Club's spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

In the year 2012 she was among the curb-side audience at the Route 66 parade and struck up a conversation with Mike Jones who was also attending. In 2015 they were married and enjoy life in Duarte, riding their bikes, docenting at the Duarte Museum, and volunteering wherever needed.

At the award ceremony Janet was recognized for her positive outlook in life and her caring attitude. She helps care for a neighbor who is 101 years old and she also finds time to knit items which she often donates to charity.

The evening also recognized past presidents and past women of the year as well as presenting milestone certificates for club membership: Kathy Kirchner-30



JANET GILES JONES

years; Judy Blake-15 years; Carolina Flores Helizon-20 years; and Pat Sleeter, 6 years.

The Duarte Woman's Club was organized in March of 1949, Federated with State in 1956 and incorporated in 1967. Woman over the age of 18 may join. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month from October to June. For more information, call Marion Stone at (626) 358-7028.



DUARTE WOMAN'S CLUB Past presidents and Woman of the Year recipients.

## Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3-7 p.m. Holiday and special event hours are subject to change.

All Duarte teens grades 9 through 12 with high school ID are welcome. For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

### COMPUTER LAB

The computer lab is open Monday-Friday from 3-6:30 p.m. Free use to all teens registered at the Teen Center.

Take advantage of the computer lab at the Teen Center. The lab is a great place to enhance your computer skills, learn new programs, research colleges, chat on the Internet, do school work, and play various games.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### Hip Hop Dance Classes

(2-week intensive sessions at the beginning of each month) Come learn the latest dance moves, hip hop techniques, meet new friends and showcase your talent! Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

#### Art Exploration Classes

(3-week intensive sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays in March and April)

Students will learn the fundamentals of painting, sculpture, and much more!

#### Cesar Chavez Essay Contest

Students grades 9-12 can compete in an essay-writing contest on why they are inspired by the life of Cesar Chavez. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entry Deadline is Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m.

#### March Madness

"Get Ya Hoop On" 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Fee: \$40 per team with up to 4 players. Duarte Park, food music! Contact the Teen Center for more information. Ages 15-21. Must have two high school members on each team of 4. Sign Up NOW! Space is limited. Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams!

#### Youth Employment Workshop

Youth between the ages 15-18 will participate in an employment workshop on Wednesday, April 5, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. The workshop will include tips on finding a job, gaining employment experience, resume writing, filling out job applications, interview tips, and how to be successful once you land a job. There will also be local employers on site to speak with the participants about employment opportunities. Please register in advance at the Teen Center. Space

is limited. Free!

#### Six Flags Magic Mountain Excursion

On Tuesday, April 18, the Duarte Teen Center will be heading to the mountain for Spring Break fun at Six Flags! Trip leaves the Teen Center at 8:30 a.m. and returns to the Teen Center at 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$45. Meals on your own.

#### Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Teen Center on Thursday, May 4, at 3:30 p.m. There will be traditional Mexican food for all to enjoy for \$1 per person.

#### Summer Kick Off BBQ/ Graduation Party!

On Thursday, May 18, at 3:30 p.m. the Teen Center will have a Summer Kick Off BBQ/Graduation Party. Enjoy cheeseburgers, chips, and a beverage for only \$1. Graduates eat free!

### ON GOING ACTIVITIES

#### Boys Night Out!

Come join our club just for guys! Fun trips, group discussions, sports and much more! This program is for high school teen boys grades 9-12. The group meets Tuesdays, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 25 and May 9 & 23 3:30 p.m.

#### Drama Club

The Drama Club meets once a week on Fridays from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. Membership fee is \$5 every 6 months.

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The Fitness Center is located at 1600 Huntington Drive, next to City Hall.

At the Fitness Center you can choose from a wide variety of activities including strength training equipment, Stairmasters, treadmills, bikes, and Elliptical Trainers. The Fitness Center also

has two courts available for either racquetball or wallyball. Aerobic classes are offered at various times daily.

The pools are currently open for Lap Swim Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on weekends. Beginning April 15 Lap Swim will be offered in the mornings 6:30 a.m.-8 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and evenings 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Open Swim will be offered on weekends 1 p.m.-4 p.m. During spring break, April 17-21, the pools will be open for open swim 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

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# Foothill Gold Line Feb. 2017 Project Status

In January, the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority Board of Directors approved an updated project schedule for the 12.3-mile, six-station Foothill

Gold Line light rail extension from Glendora to Montclair.

The updated schedule is based on detailed constructability reviews conducted as part of the

advanced conceptual engineering phase and a more extensive understanding that the next segment is really two major construction projects in one – first the freight

and Metrolink relocation/reconstruction, and then the light rail system construction.

The project will break ground in October 2017 and is anticipated to reach substantial completion in late-2025 to early-2026.

The first year will be spent relocating utilities, conducting other pre-construction activities, and hiring a design-build contractor.

A contractor is anticipated to be hired in late-2018 for the seven to eight year, design-build project. Plans are still being developed for the ground breaking ceremony.

Below is the updated Glendora to Montclair work plan, approved by the Construction Authority board at their January meeting.

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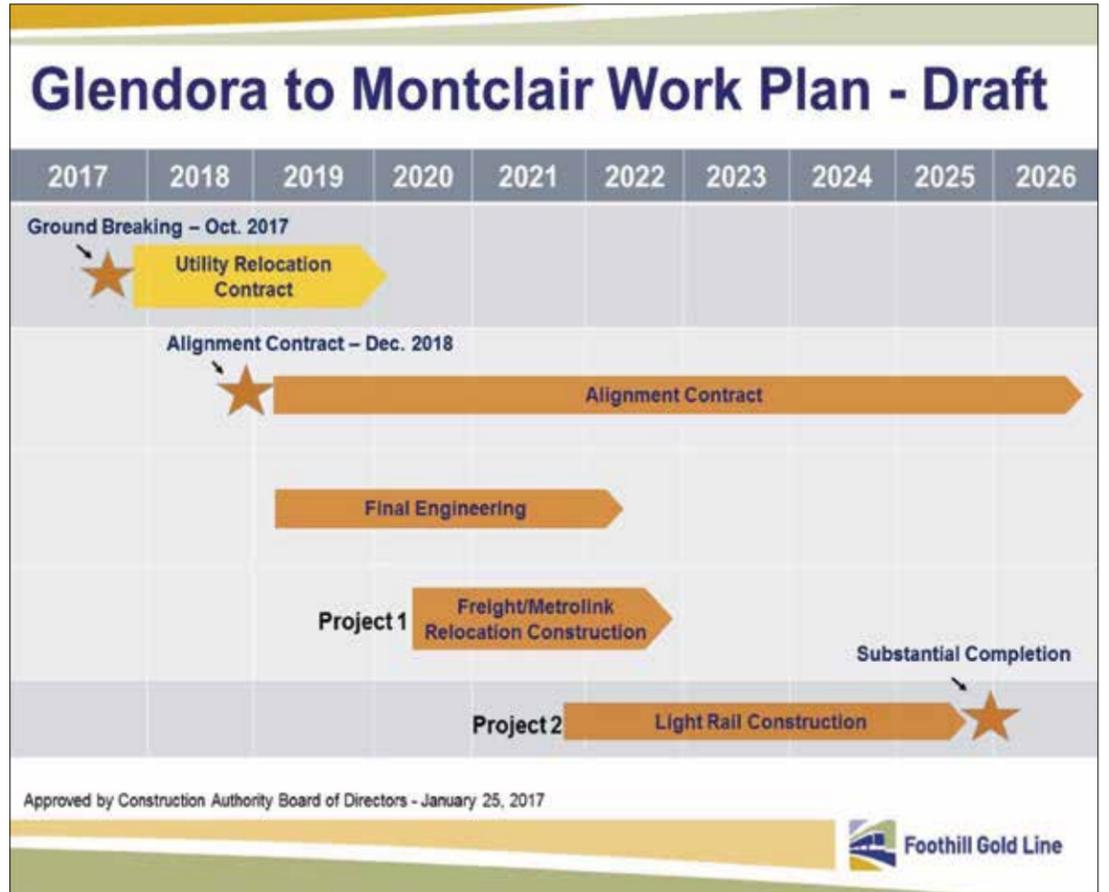
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