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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.

## Mayor's Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast Nov. 25 to honor volunteers

Duarte will express its thanks to outstanding community volunteers at the 24th annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast and 22nd annual Duarte Chamber Community Service Recognition Awards, Wednesday, Nov. 25. The public is invited to attend the event that will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the City of Hope, Cooper Auditorium, at 1500 East Duarte Rd. This year's featured speaker will be retired Azusa Pacific University Professor Philip Ostergard, author of "The Inspired Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln." This year celebrates the 200th anniversary of the birth of the 16th president of the United States.

Outstanding community volunteers will also be honored in the categories of Civic Service, Service to Senior Citizens, Humanitarian, Service to Youth, Business, and Youth.

The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is jointly sponsored by the City of Duarte, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte Kiwanis Club, Duarte Church and Clergy Association, the City of Hope, Duarte Women's Club, Duarte's Promise - The Alliance for Youth, and Royal Oaks Manor.

The event will also formally launch the 8th annual "Holiday of Promise" project, sponsored by Duarte's Promise - The Alliance for Youth in partnership with the Duarte Church and Clergy Association and numerous area businesses. The "Holiday of Promise" project collects food, personal items and gift donations from Nov. 17 through Dec. 10 for

the Foothill Unity Center, and for the Duarte Community Service Council, which distributes gift baskets to needy Duarte families the week before Christmas.

Tickets are priced at \$10, or \$8 for children and seniors, and can be purchased at the Duarte Cham-

ber of Commerce, City Hall, or online at [www.DuarteChamber.com](http://www.DuarteChamber.com). A limited amount of tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, call Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333 or Duarte City Hall 357-7931, ext. 266.

### MATERIALS CRITICAL TO REGION'S JOBS

## Azusa Rock submits plan to improve appearance

The aggregate material, located at Azusa Rock is critical to the creation of thousands of infrastructure jobs across Southern California. This material is used in the construction of roads, hospitals, homes and important infrastructure projects that provide thousands of jobs to men and women across our region. Projects such as the Gold Line extension are dependent on aggregate materials.

Vulcan Materials Company owns and operates Azusa Rock and has been a member of the San Gabriel Valley Community since acquiring the operation in 1999. Azusa Rock will continue to operate in the City of Azusa until 2038. The question that will soon be before the City of Azusa is a simple one: What will Azusa Rock look like in the future? The 270 acres owned by Vulcan Materials is located wholly within the City of Azusa and bordered by the Angeles National Forest on the north. In 1988 the City approved a mining plan, including property reclamation, which provides for mining on 190 of the 270 acres at Azusa Rock.

Since acquiring the operation, Vulcan Materials has been seeking input on ways to enhance both the environmental and the visual aspects of Azusa Rock. When mining and reclamation plans are approved by government agencies, operators are required by law to strictly adhere to those plans.

Following the adoption of Azusa's revised General Plan, and input from the community-lead Azusa Citizen's Congress, Vulcan Materials has submitted a new plan for Azusa Rock. The

plan does not increase mining operations and will mandate superior reclamation techniques - translation: dramatic visual improvements. The new plan exchanges an 80-acre portion on the east side of the operation for an 80-acre portion on the west. This exchange will provide for more efficient work operations while maintaining the total acreage at 190.

In addition, the new plan will prohibit the continued use of 40-foot benches for reclamation, benches that will never be fully covered by vegetation. Instead, benches in the range of 12-24 inches, "micro-benching," will be mandated, allowing a more natural re-vegetation of the property. The new plan also mandates immediate micro-benching of the existing 40-foot benches, currently visible to the valley.

The City of Azusa is currently conducting an independent and extensive environmental review of the proposal, as prescribed by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This includes a review of all clean air and water quality standards, which have been consistently met at Azusa Rock. It is anticipated that the City's environmental review documents will be released later this fall.

With mining at Azusa Rock continuing until 2038, let's not miss this opportunity to dramatically improve its appearance. As our region struggles with escalating unemployment, Azusa Rock will continue to generate jobs for many of our families for decades to come. For more information on the new plan for Azusa Rock, visit [www.azusarock.com](http://www.azusarock.com).

## Duarte Election Results

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Vote for no more than 3		Vote for no more than 2	
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Tzeitel Paras-Caracci *	1,292	Ken M. Bell *	1,674
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Joann Brooks-Washington	399		
Tony Sanchez	379		
Arthur L. Moss	374		
Margie Wilson-Buchanan	184		

\* Winner (not yet certified)

## Gold Line kick-off celebration Nov. 21

With the adoption of Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan last month, the necessary commitments to build the Gold Line Foothill Extension to Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale, and Azusa are in place. Construction is to begin in June 2010.

The Metro Gold Line Extension Authority invites you to join elected officials, community leaders, students, residents, families and others in celebrating this important milestone. Please join us at the Kick-Off Celebration & Station Billboard Unveiling Saturday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-noon at the Future Gold Line Foothill Extension Station - Monrovia (northwest corner of Myrtle Avenue and Duarte Road), Monrovia. The unveiling ceremony will be at 10:20 a.m. All are welcome for food, games, giveaways and more!

For more information please call (626) 471-9050 or visit [www.foothillextension.org](http://www.foothillextension.org).

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With the holidays right around the corner, the year's biggest shopping season has begun. It's been a tough year for everyone and while there are signs of improvement we're not through it all yet.

Now is the time to support our local businesses more than ever. We have many shops and restaurants that have been in our community a long time, and some that are very new. They all have two things in common - they are there to serve us and they depend on us to buy our goods from them.

Please consider giving our local merchants a visit this season and giving them your business. They will really appreciate it.

Happy Holidays!

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# 'Twas Good Knight for SAFYMCA Round Table Gala

It made for a 'knight' to remember for five benefactors of the Santa Anita Family YMCA who found themselves ceremoniously at the tip of a sword at the Third Annual Chairman's Roundtable Gala.

Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, more accustomed to wielding a gavel than a sword, was tapped to bestow knighthood on Edgar Hotchkin, Patrice Reinhard, Scott Haberle, Damon Colaluca, and Cheryl Reynolds. The five were honored for recruiting one or more members into the Chairman's Roundtable, a society of benefactors who donate \$1,000 or more a year to the SAFYMCA.

Last year, 48 Chairman's Roundtable Society members provided gifts of more than \$68,000 to support the YMCA's Financial Assistance Program.

More than 85 community leaders and SAFYMCA supporters attended the dinner at the Embassy Suites in Arcadia where members of the Round Table were thanked for their contributions and presented with special plaques featuring original art created by child members of the SAFYMCA.

"Your kindness and generosity has no bounds. You help to ensure YMCA programs are available to all, regardless of an individual's or family's ability to pay.

"The goodwill of Chairman's Round Table Society members expands YMCA programs that instill the values of caring, respect, honesty and responsibility," said Chief Executive Officer Damon Colaluca.

Among those honored for their significant financial support were Carol Reynolds, William Faith, Kevin Hotchkin, Mike and Mary Shanahan, and Herbert Hezlep III.

To learn more about YMCA programs and activities, or about opportunities to support the community services of the SAFYMCA, call (626) 359-9244 or visit the website at [www.safymca.org](http://www.safymca.org).

MONROVIA MAYOR Mary Ann Lutz prepares to knight five members of the Santa Anita Family YMCA Chairman's Round Table Society at the annual dinner event honoring the Y's major benefactors. Preparing to be knighted are Cheryl Reynolds, Scott Haberle, Damon Colaluca, Edgar Hotchkin, and Patrice Reinhard.



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Cardinal Roger Mahoney will officiate at Dedication Ceremonies Sunday, March 14, 2010.

The Duarte community has shared in that experience since 1999. And now expanded services at our new Maryvale Family Resource and Early Education Center will reach out not only to the children but to the youth and families of Duarte and surrounding communities as well. Opening in early 2010 programs will include:

- ✓ Early Education for Infants and Children
- ✓ Youth Intervention and Prevention Programs
- ✓ Family Programs
- ✓ Adult and Family Services



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## Hayden Memorial 5K Run, Walk and Roll Saturday, March 13, on Duarte Trail

The entire community is invited to participate and join hundreds of runners and walkers in the second annual "Hayden Memorial 5K Run, Family Walk & Roll and Health Fair" on Saturday, March 13, 2010, on the Duarte Recreational Trail.

Runners in the 5K race will lead off at 9 a.m. from the trail head at Royal Oaks Dr. and Buena Vista St., followed by participants in the family run, walk and roll

(wheelchairs and children's strollers only).

A special children's Fun Run will take place at 10:30 a.m. on the grounds of Santa Teresita, 819 Buena Vista St., where a Health Fair is planned from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring health screenings, games, activities, food and entertainment.

For more information, please check the 5K website: hayden5k.com or call (626) 932-3489.

## Credit Cards and IRS Reporting Requirements

By Sean Franke

The IRS is anticipating collecting over \$9 billion in new revenue over the next 10 years due to credit card processor reporting requirements.

The Housing Economic Recovery Act of 2008 sets several requirements for merchant payment processors.

Key points of the Act are set to begin for tax returns after December 31, 2010.

Merchant credit card processors will be required to file a 1099 for any business or individual who processes more than \$20,000 and 200 transactions per year.

Sellers using services like Amazon Payment, Google Checkout and PayPal are not exempt

from this reporting.

Payment processors will need to integrate merchant tax reporting; they will need to set up customer support services to handle tax related inquiries and change the way they verify merchant account holder information.

Merchants who fail to provide taxpayer information may be subject to withholdings of up to 28%.

Due to increased cost to comply, its likely merchant credit card fees will go up.

Credit Card processors will pass the cost on to merchants who will then pass costs to their customers.

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## Bag Giveaway at Ralphs Market Nov. 21

### City of Duarte joins county campaign to promote use of reusable shopping bags

Paper, plastic, or a free reusable bag?

The City of Duarte is hoping to navigate residents toward taking the environmentally conscious option through its participation in a countywide campaign to encourage recycling of single use bags and a changeover to reusable shopping bags.

On Nov. 15, America Recycles Day, Los Angeles County will roll out its "Brag about your Bag"® reusable bag campaign, teaming up with cities and major supermarkets over the next month to distribute more than 50,000 reusable bags to the public. The giveaway program will conclude on Dec. 17, a date designated as "A day without a bag".

In Duarte, Ralphs Market at 1193 Huntington Dr., will partner in the program.

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Nov. 21, volunteers from Duarte's Promise - the Alliance for Youth and the Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.) will be stationed outside the

market to offer free "Brag about your Bag"® reusable bags to individuals who bring to the store five single use plastic bags for recycling.

"Changing over to reusable bags is a win-win proposition for all who share the planet," said Duarte Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera.

"In Los Angeles County, residents use six billion plastic bags per year. That is the equivalent of 600 plastic bags per person per year that eventually become part of our waste stream, litter our streets, take up space in our landfills, and threaten marine life. Less than 5% of single use plastic bags are recycled.

"Using that same equation, Duarte's 22,000 residents are contributing more than 13 million plastic bags to the waste stream each year. A campaign like this increases public awareness and helps promote change," said Herrera.

Los Angeles Lakers NBA Champion Luke Walton has pledged his star power to the "Brag about your Bag"® campaign.

Walton will voice commercials on 710 ESPN radio and make appearances at various campaign events to promote public awareness about the benefits of using reusable shopping bags.

For more information, visit [www.bragaboutyourbag.com](http://www.bragaboutyourbag.com) or contact the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.



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## Citrus College to Host L. A. Clippers Basketball Programs

By Stacy Armstrong

Young athletes now have the unique opportunity to learn from some of the best basketball trainers around.

Citrus College has joined forces with the Los Angeles Clippers to present special basketball workshops, as well as an elite basketball clinic, throughout November and December. The 2009 LA Clippers Programs at Citrus College are open to all youth, ages 7 to 17.

"We want to partner with the best organizations possible to create a vision of success for our local youth," said Rick Croy, head coach of the Citrus College Men's Basketball Team.

Five workshops, which will teach the fundamentals of basketball in a fun and positive atmosphere, are scheduled to take place in the upcoming weeks. These workshops are scheduled for November 8, 15, and 29 and December 6 and 13. They will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and are \$35 apiece.

The Clippers Elite Basketball Clinic is a two-day event that will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on December 19-20. The clinic, which costs \$75, will feature instruction on fundamental skill work, defensive techniques, strength training, ball handling, plus 1-on-1, 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 games.

"These programs are designed to be inspiring experiences by providing effective role modeling for our local youth," Croy said. "We want to teach them concepts and strategies that will make them better and more efficient basketball players."

To register for the clinics, visit [www.thebasketballacademy.com](http://www.thebasketballacademy.com). For more information, call (213) 763-7924.

## City of Hope Cancer Survivorship Expert Smita Bhatia honored

The American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (ASPHO) has selected childhood cancer survivorship expert Smita Bhatia, M.D., M.P.H., director of the Center for Cancer Survivorship, and chair and professor of Population Sciences at City of Hope, to receive its prestigious 2010 Frank A. Oski Lectureship Award.

Bhatia will receive the award and deliver a lecture during ASPHO's 23rd annual meeting, April 7-10, 2010, in Montreal.

The annual recognition is named in remembrance of Frank Oski, M.D., former head of Johns Hopkins Children's Center, and an expert in childhood cancer, blood disorders and nutritional deficiencies.

# Upper SGV Municipal Water District to receive \$50 million from Historic Water Package, bringing more water to SGV

On November 6 California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a historic water package that will help solve our water crisis.

San Gabriel Valley residents will be direct beneficiaries of this historic legislation, which includes 50 million dollars for water recycling in the San Gabriel Valley.

The entire San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus led by Chairman Assemblyman Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina) and Vice-Chair Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) worked hard to ensure that the residents of the San Gabriel Valley continue to enjoy a clean, safe and reliable supply of drinking water.

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District President Alfonso "Al" Contreras said he was delighted with the outcome of the bi-partisan historic water package. "This historic water package ensures that people we serve will continue to have a reliable water supply. By working together with our legislative partners, we have accomplished a great deal for the district.

"Additionally, the residents of the San Gabriel Valley also

benefited by the hard work of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's tireless promotion of a bi-partisan solution to the state's water crisis.

"In previous years, the San Gabriel Valley did not always receive the resources necessary to increase our water supplies. With the 50 million dollars which we will receive from the water package, we will be able to press forward aggressively to ensure that the Upper District is equipped to provide increased water resources and allow economic development to flourish in the San Gabriel Valley."

Assemblymember Ed Hernandez (D-Baldwin Park), Chairman of the San Gabriel Legislative Caucus, said he was confident that the San Gabriel Valley will now have the resources necessary to ensure the residents will have a reliable source of safe, clean drinking water. "In the past, the San Gabriel Valley has been shortchanged when it comes to the funding we need to provide our communities with a sustainable and affordable source of water. This historic water package makes certain that the people in our communities will continue

to have safe, clean drinking water at rates they can afford."

The Upper District provides wholesale water service to 17 cities and 22 retail water utilities in the San Gabriel Valley.

Nearly one million people live and work in the Upper District's 144 square mile service area.

Annually, demand for treated, untreated and recycled water in the Upper District service area averages more than 78 billion gallons.

Senator Bob Huff (D-Diamond Bar), Vice Chair of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus, said, "I believe the bi-partisan water reform plan is quite significant for Southern California, but it should not be forgotten that a bond measure must be approved by the voters in November 2010.

"The population of California is expected to grow by 8 million people over the next decade. There is no question that we have to build more water storage facilities and improve conveyance. In 2005, in fact, enough water to supply 13 million families for a year was lost to the sea because there was nowhere to store it. Securing storage capacity for water created by rainfall and snow melts has been a key point in California's water discussions and I am pleased this agreement implements a strategy that includes storage facilities."

Assemblyman Mike Eng (D-Monterey Park) who worked tirelessly with other members of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus said, "The approval of this comprehensive water policy package is truly historic. The money dedicated to the San Gabriel Valley will go a long way toward helping with existing clean-up efforts, increasing storage capacity for local water needs, and reducing our reliance on imported water from sources such as the fragile Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta."

Assemblyman Anthony Adams, whose District includes the San Gabriel Valley communities of Glendora, Arcadia and Monrovia, said, "The approval of this comprehensive water policy package was a huge victory for our region. Thanks to the cooperation and hard work of all involved we were able to secure vital resources that will not only ensure that residents of our communities will receive safe, reliable and affordable water for years to come but will provide thousands of new jobs to get Californians back to work."

# City of Monrovia turns over operation of Mary Wilcox Youth Center to Santa Anita Family YMCA

The Santa Anita Family YMCA has entered into an agreement with the City of Monrovia to take over operation of the Mary Wilcox Youth Center to provide programming for youth after school and on weekends.

Under a three-year lease agreement, the SAFYMCA will operate the 10,000 square foot facility located at 843 E. Olive Ave. that includes a gymnasium, three meeting rooms, snack bar, and the KGEM cable access production studio.

"This comes as a blessing to the YMCA because many of our programs are at capacity. This gives us an opportunity to expand services and give more kids the opportunity to benefit from YMCA programs," said SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer Damon Colaluca.

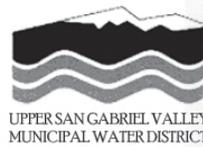
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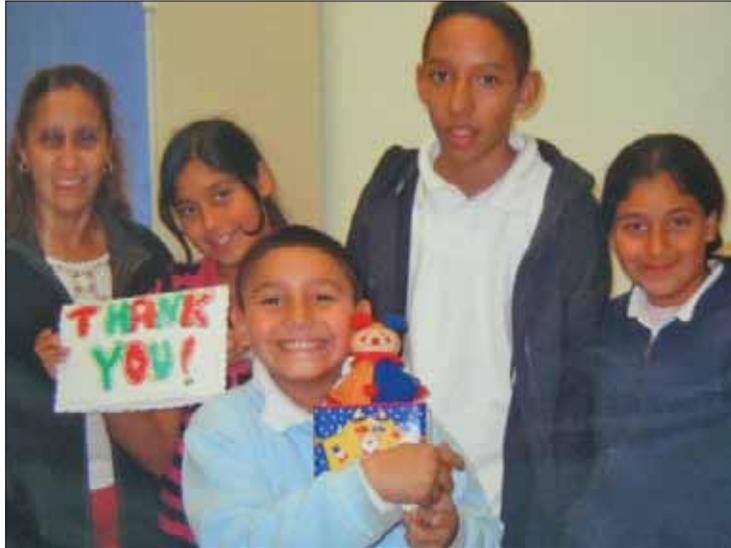
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The Annual Adopt-A-Family Program seeks to provide holiday cheer to these families.

Each year, with the help of local businesses and community members, scout troops, schools, church groups, the Friends of Foothill Family and the Walt Disney Company, Foothill Family Service helps low-income and high-need families through our Annual Holiday Adopt-A-Family Program.

Last year, 393 client families were "adopted." Foothill Family Service provided help to over 21,000 people in 2008-2009, so we have many more families that would benefit from your generosity this holiday season!

The Adopt-A-Family Program distributes holiday gifts of clothes, toys and necessities to local families in need during the holiday season.

The families available for "adoption" range in size from small to large, and come from the San Gabriel and Pomona valleys, Pasadena, Altadena, Glendale, Burbank, and surrounding communities. They are recommended for "adoption" by their therapists and case managers, and all of the families recommended for the program are experiencing hardship and are in great need.

Most people who "adopt" a family deliver a present for each child and adult in the family to our agency. No matter how big or small, the gifts are always cherished.

Due to the current economic climate, participation in the Adopt-A-Family Program is especially appreciated. As Foothill Family Service Board Secretary Robert Valencia explained, "The holidays present a real challenge to parents and families that are struggling during these economically challenging times."

"Something as simple as receiving a few gifts during the holidays can have a tremendously positive impact on a family's happiness and self-esteem. Foothill's Adopt-A-Family Program helps to make that happen."

Foothill Family Service's mission is Building Brighter Futures for Children and Families. Founded more than 82 years ago, Foothill Family's services reach the most vulnerable populations: high-risk and underserved children, teens and families in need.

Programs include Mental Health, School-Based Counseling for Children, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment, Early Child Development, Supportive Services for Teen Parents, Family Counseling, and Youth Development.

If you are interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Family Program or for more information, please call Susan Zeren Dutra, Development Associate, at (626) 564-1613 ext. 135 or look online at [www.foothillfamily.org](http://www.foothillfamily.org).



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## YMCA

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Mary Wilcox Center for YMCA Youth Basketball and Karate. Between now and the new year other programs for youth and families will operate out of the center, including a number of new after school programs.

The building was originally an Armory, operating as such until 2001. It was then that the City of Monrovia took over the building and following renovations rededicated and operated it as the Mary Wilcox Youth Center for three years. Over the last two years, during construction of the new Monrovia City Library, the facility served as a temporary library.

The nonprofit SAFYMCA is located at 501 S. Mountain Ave. The facility is open 7 days a week, 96 hours a week and offers dozens of sports programs, exercise classes and activities on a member and non-member basis for children, teens, adults, seniors and people with special needs. It also offers free on-site supervised child-care while members use the facility.

To learn more about any of the programs or services offered by the SAFYMCA, call (626) 359-9244, or visit the Santa Anita Family YMCA web site at [www.safymca.org](http://www.safymca.org).

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Building a systematic withdrawal plan around a sustainable withdrawal rate is a smart effort for making your money last, but it may not be enough.

Assume you have a retirement portfolio worth \$1 million. Initially, annual withdrawals of 5% (\$50,000) seem conservative. You may be surprised to learn however, that at that rate there is only a 90% chance your money will last just 20 years.<sup>1</sup>

In other words, one in ten people following this seemingly conservative withdrawal strategy could potentially outlive their retirement nest egg later in life.

In addition to careful consideration of withdrawal rates, retirees must be aware of the significant risk market volatility poses. Erratic swings in equity-based investments can decimate portfolio values without warning - seriously threatening potential future income since percentage-based withdrawals shrink as total assets are eroded.

Holding onto what you have - asset preservation - is a top priority for retirees. Though you may not know how long you'll live, you do know that running out of money is not a scenario you hope to experience. If only there were guarantees... The good news is: there are.

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Over time, the total annually adjusted payouts would potentially provide more income than their unadjusted counterparts.

<sup>1</sup>Source: Internal New York Life Analysis Systematic withdrawal plan withdrawal rates, and associated portfolio duration, based on hypothetical portfolio allocation: 50% equities, 50% bonds -125 basis point annual fund management expense. Withdrawals increase 3% per year. Systematic withdrawal approach based on 5 simulations of 1,000 scenarios each of correlated equity and bond returns using an economic scenario generator: Correlations estimated using historical monthly S&P 500 Index and Lehman U.S. Aggregate Index returns over the past 20 years. Equity and bond index returns are assumed to be normally distributed. The model is intended to be an indicator of potential returns at various confidence levels and is not designed to be a forecast of future investment performance.

<sup>2</sup>New York Life's Guaranteed Lifetime Income products are issued by New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of New York Life Insurance Company. Guarantee is based on the claims paying ability of the issuer.

<sup>3</sup>New York Life \$730,650 income annuity for Female, 75 years-old, Single Life with Cash Refund payout option, with 3% COLA, pays \$50,000 before-taxes the first year. New York Life income annuity illustration run on 6/16/09. In general, income annuities have less liquidity than investment portfolios. Guarantee is based on the claims paying ability of the issuer.

<sup>4</sup>Policy owner must be at least age 59½ at the time of the first payment.

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PATRICK D. MILLER

# Division of Workers' Compensation launches "Bring 'em Back" campaign

Campaign aims to educate small employers about money available to bring employees back to the job or keep them working following an injury

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has launched a campaign to help small employers bring their employees back to work or keep them working following workplace injuries. The "Bring 'em Back" campaign provides the specific information small employers need, in a user-friendly Web site, to apply for reimbursement for purchases they make to help employees stay working while they recover.

According to the RAND Corporation, a non-profit think tank, both employers and injured workers benefit when employees return to work quickly following a workplace injury. That's why the workers' comp reforms implemented in 2004 placed the emphasis on providing injured workers with sound medical treatment and getting them back to work as soon as possible.

It's also why the state developed an incentive program that helps small employers accomplish this goal by providing up to \$2,500 in reimbursements for dollars spent on workplace modifications that bring an injured employee back to the job.

Specifically, any employer with fewer than 50 full-time employees, whose employee was injured on the job after July 1, 2004, may qualify for reimbursement of up to:

- \$1,250 for workplace modifications that bring a temporarily disabled employee back to work
- \$2,500 for workplace modifications that bring a permanently disabled employee back to work

Reimbursement can be for any of the following expenses, provided they are prescribed by a physician or are reasonably required by work restrictions laid out in a medical report:

- (1) Modification to the work site
- (2) Equipment
- (3) Furniture
- (4) Tools
- (5) Any other necessary costs reasonably required to accommodate your employee's restrictions.

Some examples of purchases the state has provided reimbursement for include:

- A platform and extended eye-piece for a biological analyst
- Custom knee pads for a tile setter
- A computer keyboard tray and document holder for an office administrator.

While there are some restrictions in the program, getting reimbursement is as easy as filling out a few short forms and providing receipts.

In addition to providing reimbursement for purchases that bring an employee back to work or keep them on the job, the state's return to work experts are available to provide consultations and presentations for employers or employer organizations on the subject.

Questions? Contact the Return to Work Reimbursement Program at (510) 286-6990 or [DWCReturntoWork@dir.ca.gov](mailto:DWCReturntoWork@dir.ca.gov).

On the web at [www.dwc.ca.gov](http://www.dwc.ca.gov), click the "Bring 'em Back" link in the right navigation pane.



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"Now is the right time to perform any maintenance on your home-heating appliances to ensure safe and efficient operation," said Richard M. Morrow, vice president of customer service for The Gas Company. "Customers are beginning to turn on their furnaces for the first time in months. If they think their heating appliances are not functioning properly, they should call a licensed heating contractor, plumber or The Gas Company."

Failure to perform annual maintenance on gas appliances may result in exposure to carbon

monoxide, which can cause nausea, drowsiness, flu-like symptoms, and even death.

Since home heating typically accounts for more than half of the monthly winter gas bill, the best way to keep bills lower – and ensure appliances are operating safely – is to get gas appliances serviced, Morrow said.

The Gas Company offers customers the following tips to ensure the safe and efficient operation of their natural gas furnace:

- Have gas furnaces checked at least once a year by The Gas Company, a licensed heating contractor or plumber.
- Vacuum and clean regularly around the furnace, particularly around the burner compartment to prevent a build-up of dust and lint.

- Never store items in, or around the appliance that can obstruct airflow.

- Most forced-air units have a filter that cleans the air before heating and circulating it throughout the home. The filter should be checked monthly for lint build-up during periods of furnace use and cleaned or replaced, if necessary.

- When installing a new or cleaned filter, be sure to re-install the front panel door of the furnace properly so it fits snugly. Never operate the furnace without the front-panel door properly in place because doing so may create the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Check the appearance of the flame. If the flame is yellow, large and unsteady, the furnace needs to be inspected immediately by a licensed heating contractor or plumber or The Gas Company and the condition corrected to ensure safety.

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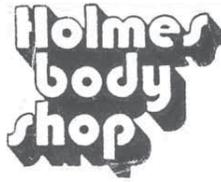
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## From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,  
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The elections are over and it is my pleasure to welcome the incumbents, Ken Bell and Reyna Diaz, to another term on the Duarte Board of Education.

Ken has served on the school board for 20 years. He is a nationally recognized street gang expert and lecturer, and he brings his expertise in gang prevention /gang violence to the table.

His student mentoring program for the 6th graders, promoting into 7th grade, is a work in progress, as he would say, and near and dear to his heart.

This mentoring program, which was started, last year, couples 6th graders with 7th graders and provides an easier transition into Northview Intermediate School. The program will continue this year and also include our female 6th graders.

Reyna Diaz has served on the board for 12 years. In addition to serving on the Board of Education, Reyna is an active participant in many community affairs. She was honored by Assembly member Dr. Ed Hernandez in 2008 when he named her "Woman of the Year" for the 57th Assembly District.

While we our ever vigilant in keeping a watchful eye on the states economic situation, it is important to keep our attention focused on our students and in so doing acknowledge the various achievements and improvements being made at our school sites.

- **ANDRES DUARTE** is now the centralized location for our adult ESL program and is offering both group and individual instruction in order to allow students to work at their own pace utilizing Rosetta Stone software.

- **BEARDSLEE** has implemented the MIND program which couples music with mathematics for 2nd and 3rd graders, and involves approximately 120 students.

- **DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL** seniors volunteered to teach local 5th graders about youth civic engagement and the democratic process. The timing was perfect as the city of Duarte was taking part in both City Council and Board of Education elections. This five-week project called *Artsalyn Democracy in Action* culminated in a simulated election on November 3 where students at two Duarte elementary schools cast their Sim-Votes for School Board and City Council.

- **MAXWELL** has implemented their Parent Education Center which will be offering courses in computers, math, English and Spanish. Along the way motivational speakers will be added along with classes on various parenting topics.

- **MT. OLIVE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL** students once again participated in the City of Hope "Walk for Hope" on October 25. The Walk for Hope is a national breast cancer walk series that raises millions of dollars in support of breast cancer research, treatment and education programs at City of Hope.

- **NORTHVIEW** is continuing with their Renaissance Rally which recognizes all students who have made academic growth by improving their grade point average by at least half a letter grade. The enthusiasm and excitement generated by this program has exceeded all expectations.

- **ROYAL OAKS** climbed further into the 800's with a very impressive score of 836. Great job!

- **VALLEY VIEW** has made a grand leap into the "Rock Star" category. Their API increased by 43 points giving the school a sterling 826. They have also been invited to apply for California Distinguished School.

There are many challenges that still lie ahead, declining enrollment, the states economic situation, and unfunded mandates to name just a few. However, we as a district are fortunate to be able to focus on the important issue at hand: "To meet the educational needs of each student in a culture of caring and respect." I wish to offer my humble thanks to each and every person in the Duarte Unified School District.



DR. DEAN KONKLIN

## Beardslee's Top Bears



Beardslee Top Bears enjoy a pizza picnic lunch. From back to front: Michelle Pasillas, Luis Quintanilla, Daisy Gonzalez, Rafael Roman, and Benjamin Jimenez.

By Jennifer Janetke, Principal

All schools have high expectations for student behavior and have plans in place to honor those students to make good choices for their behavior while at school. At Beardslee, we call our school rules the "Beardslee Big Five". These five rules challenge students to work and play together positively, to be good citizens, to keep our school bully-free, to treat others the way they want to be treated, and to earn respect by respecting others. We teach these rules in our classrooms and also during our bi-monthly Flag Ceremonies. Each month we focus on one of the Beardslee Big Five and work hard as a school to improve our skills in that particular area.

In September, our school focused on treating others the way we want to be treated. The students were challenged to refrain from teasing each other about the way they looked, the way they acted, or if they were different in any way. We worked on that skill for two weeks and I am proud to report that the number of incidences of teasing dropped significantly during those two weeks! Our students practiced being nice to each other and what a huge difference it made in our school! Way to go, Beardslee

### ANDRES DUARTE

## Ken Bell Joins Vocabulary Discussion

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

Sixth grade students at Andres Duarte students invited School Board member Ken Bell to come to Andres Duarte to share in a discussion around the word 'reputation'.

Students recalled seeing Mr. Bell on the popular History Channel program, *Gangland*, and asked their principal is she could invite him to discuss reputations, both good and bad.

Mr. Bell jumped at the chance to talk with young people and told the principal to name the day and time and he would be there.

"Helping young people like yourselves make good decisions and find success, is my passion in life," Mr. Bell told the audience of 70 sixth graders.

In addition to answering questions, Mr. Bell showed a short, inspirational DVD about making good choices in life.

Teachers Terry Hamilton and

Bears!!

An important part of this program is a special award called "Beardslee's Top Bears". This award is given each month to one student from each class who does an exceptional job following the Big Five rule that we are focusing on as a school. Each teacher selects one student from his/her class to receive this award, their names are announced during a Flag Ceremony, and they are given a button to wear on their shirt designating them as our "Top Bears" for the month. Those "Top Bears" are also invited to a special pizza lunch with the Principal and the Outreach Consultant to honor them for their outstanding performance in that particular area.

Through teaching specific behaviors that we want our students to emulate and rewarding students for making the conscious decision to be positive role models on our campus, we see the Beardslee students learning, growing, and improving. It is very satisfying to know that our students are not only learning how to read, write, and compute, but they are also learning to be positive, contributing members of our society through their behavior and choices! Congratulations, Top Bears! We are proud of you!

## Duarte High School

By Eric Barba, Principal

Duarte High School has gotten off to a great school year. While many high school are cutting back services and programs Duarte High School has begun expansion through creative partnerships. The Regional Occupational Program (ROP) has continued to be a rewarding partnership. Citrus College has proven to continue in their efforts to support Duarte High School.

Duarte High School is excited and thankful for their expanded and fruitful partnerships between our Career Technical Education/ROP programs, Citrus College and Mt. Olive High School.

Our vision is to engage all students by providing them opportunities to explore careers and interests as an integral part of their learning experience.

Students can enroll in one of several career pathways available such as Engineering and Design, Building Trades and Construction, Arts, Media, and Entertainment, Information Technology, and Health Services/Medical Technology.

Most of these courses have been aligned with courses at Citrus College and can take the place of prerequisite college courses.

Our latest addition to the program is Culinary Arts. This course was made possible through increased collaboration between Mt. Olive and Duarte High Schools.

Careers in the hospitality industry are expanding at a rapid rate. This is illustrated not only through labor market statistics, but also the course's popularity among our students. Students attending Mt. Olive High School may also enroll in this course at Duarte High.

Another result of our fruitful partnership with Citrus College is the addition of the Early College program.

Beginning this year a cohort of 41 students embarked on a dual credit program where they are simultaneously enrolled in Citrus and DHS. These juniors have the opportunity to graduate from DHS with a high school diploma as well as obtain 31 college units (equivalent of 1 year) completed on their college transcripts. They will take the Citrus courses at DHS with a Citrus professor.

Our Sciences department also enjoys a close partnership with Citrus College, as our Anatomy and Physiology students conduct lab experiments at Citrus under the guidance of Citrus College professors.

The Citrus College Mathematics Department has also begun to support our students as they provide college tutors to assist our math teachers with after school tutoring.

We are excited to see our partnership grow and continue provide authentic opportunities for students to expand their horizons.

tests taken last May.

To celebrate their success, students received a collectible charm shaped like a 'brain' to add to their charm necklaces.

Students in all grade levels can earn additional charms by showing proficiency in Math and Language Arts throughout the year.



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Ken Bell addressing students at Andres Duarte.

## Mt. Olive High School soars

By Kevin Morris, Principal

Mount Olive keeps soaring to new heights! We are a 6-year WASC accredited, California Model Continuation High School with the goal of providing all students with a quality education as they earn their high school diploma.

In addition, we also help build character. Here are some of the activities and programs we are involved in to instill pride and achieve success.

### COLLEGE BOUND

We encourage and guide our graduating seniors to enroll into post-secondary or vocational school. Since 2007 we have enrolled 48 graduates into post-secondary school.

The 2008-09 class had 22 graduates enrolled in post-secondary school at Pasadena, Mt. San Antonio, Citrus, East LA, Cerritos, and Rio Hondo Community Colleges.

### CITRUS COLLEGE AND MT. OLIVE PARTNERSHIP

In collaboration with Citrus College we are currently running several programs to service our students. The first is the Noncredit Counseling and Matriculation Program which is free of charge and provides CAHSEE tutoring, academic tutoring, individual skills assessment, ESL classes, career counseling, academic advisement, parenting skills groups, and various other workshops. Classes are held at Mt. Olive and Citrus College and again are free of charge.

We also hold a Citrus College Level Course on campus. The name of the course is Counseling 156 and is open to all Mt. Olive Seniors and juniors. The class runs for 8 weeks on Fridays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The course is designed to help students transition to college life.

Students will receive practical information about college services, effective study habits, and individual educational planning. The emphasis is on college and career decisions as catalysts for growth.

The third piece of this program is geared towards enrolling Mt. Olive Seniors into Citrus classes during the winter, spring and summer sessions.

During the month of December, Citrus Guidance Counselors will begin enrolling students and administering the online placement test at Mount Olive. This is a wonderful partnership with Citrus, which over the past 3 years has proven to be extremely beneficial for the success of our students.

On a final note, we are hosting our third FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Workshop for our college bound seniors on February 2, 2010, at Mt. Olive at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (626) 599-5902 and ask for Nicole Sevilla, Outreach Consultant.

### BIG BLUE GOING GREEN

One of the first things you will notice when driving by Mount Olive on Central Avenue is our student generated mural with the words "Mt. Olive Bulldogs" painted in bold letters on the South end of the building which serves as a colorful back-drop for MOOSE.

If you've never visited Mt. Olive before, stop by and check-out MOOSE, which stands for the "Mt. Olive Outdoor Science Expo."

MOOSE was born out of the necessity for a science lab at Mt.

Olive and the need to start going GREEN. MOOSE facilitates the teaching of 80% of the state standards in life and earth science through our new environmental science course. Students plant native foliage, perform on-going upkeep of the pond and garden, conduct field experiments/observations, construct raised beds and solar water fall, and run drip irrigation.

The main focus of MOOSE is to teach students how to solve some of the world's current environmental challenges which in turn, will train them for future green careers.

As a side note, Mt. Olive's "Green Team" attended the JPL Green Summit on Saturday, October 24.

In addition, they will be attending the Pasadena Green School Summit on December 9-11 and have been invited to set up the stage for the first day of the conference.

### WALK FOR HOPE

Mt. Olive staff and students participated in the City of Hope: Walk for Hope to Cure Breast Cancer on October 25.

This is the third time Mt. Olive has participated in this event to help save lives and we are committed to supporting this event every year.

Also, with the support of Duarte community members we were able to sponsor each student who walked the 5K course. We salute and THANK YOU for supporting our students, and the fight against breast cancer.

### BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH SPORTS

October featured the first of many softball games against the Senior Olympic Medal winning, Duarte 66ers, in preparation for the San Gabriel Valley Continuation Sports League. Mt. Olive began this friendly rivalry in the spring of 2009 and has continued on. Our Bulldog softball team practices twice a week and plays against the 66ers twice a month. The Continuation Sports League will feature Temple City, Del Mar, Canyon, and Mt. Olive Continuations schools. The schools athletes will compete in softball, basketball, flag football, and soccer throughout the 2009-2010 school year. The Mt. Olive Bulldogs will play their first continuation league softball game against Temple City on October 28. It should be an exciting game. As a tradition, after each game both teams share in a lunch time barbecue where the players fellowship, break bread, and have a few laughs.

### COMMUNITY UNION

For the third year in a row, we are hosting the Community Union Computer Redevelopment Program at Mt. Olive for our students. Community Union is a nonprofit organization that provides free computer training and technology integration skills.

At the end of the 10-week training program each Mt. Olive participant will receive a free computer and computer training certificate.

Through higher academic rigor, preparation, community outreach and meaningful school programs and activities, we are transforming the Mt. Olive culture into a learning institution that prepares ALL students for post-secondary success. Duarte's own California Model Continuation High School, Mt. Olive, will continue to soar as we raise the bar of success.

## Northview Intermediate

By Miriam Fox, Principal, and Michelle Randall

A school wide movement is taking place at Northview that involves a resurgence in pride as related to academics. This resurgence has come in the form of a program called "Renaissance".

Renaissance is intended to recognize students for their academic achievement in a fun and highly motivating manner.

Perhaps the best part of the Renaissance program is that it is not just the smartest students that are recognized but the opportunity to receive recognition is open to any student willing to improve their grade point average (GPA) by .5 (half a letter grade.)

Themes are selected for each Renaissance Rally, which are held twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. The fall rally focuses on recognizing eighth grade students for their achievement during third and fourth quarter of the preceding year. This assembly also serves to motivate our newly arrived seventh grade class to improve their achievement.

Last spring approximately 350 seventh and eighth grade students were recognized for their GPA improvements or overall high academic achievement. The theme selected was "Guitar Hero" and every student being recognized received a guitar hero t-shirt which they could wear once a week to school, staff members also where their guitar hero t-shirts on the designated days.

This fall our theme was Super Grade Heroes, with a focus on super hero characters such as Superman and others. The beautiful Northview gym was brightly decorated with super hero posters, an eight foot tall "Cardinal Man" made on campus, and huge life-size and bigger movie memorabilia, which included the Incredible Hulk and the Silver Surfer from the Fantastic Four. Needless to say many jaws dropped upon entering the gym.

During the assembly/rally teachers and students performed skits, played games and in general kept the audience highly engaged and on the edge of their seats. Videos made by staff and students were also shown and left everyone in "stitches".

Amid all of the laughter and fun, each student being recognized ran between balloon columns wearing their Superman-like GPA hero t-shirt and receiving an award and a super heroes cape made with love by teachers, parent, volunteers and administrators.

Of those eighth graders being recognized, 60 received a Bronze Award (GPA between 3.0 and 3.49), 46 received the Silver Award (GPA between 3.5 and 3.99) and 13 students received a Gold Award for having a perfect 4.0 GPA. A total of 23 students were recognized for the Cardinal Award for having improved their GPA by .5 or more. Of the Cardinal Award winners Christian Perks, received special recognition as the student who improved his GPA the most having improved by .98 almost a full letter grade!

We are so proud of all of the students recognized! We welcome community and staff at these assemblies/rallies and would absolutely welcome any financial donations to help support our continuing efforts in this area of student recognition.

## Maxwell School

By Esther McDonald, Principal

Maxwell parents will have a wonderful opportunity to join us as we open our new Parent Ed Center. On October 30, 2009 the Maxwell Parent Ed Center will bring our community together to share ideas and dreams about how we can support our students' success.

Parent Workshops connecting what their children are learning every day with what they

are bringing home will be the focus. We want parents to come together to learn new skills such as English as a Second Language, computer skills, tailoring/sewing skills, brain research information, preparing our students for college and many other topics.

We look forward to joining together, parents and staff, as we celebrate our families learning together.

## Valley View



By Robin Nelson, Principal

We welcomed autumn at Valley View with our Annual Back to School Carnival, the Route 66 Parade and Student Council Elections. One of our most popular traditions is our Carnival and this year was no exception. The Route 66 Parade has become a more and more popular each year. Our newer tradition of Student Council Elections was a fun, informative and educational look at government in action.

Our back-to school carnival was an example of Valley View families coming together to support our school. On a cool evening in October, the Valley View community had the opportunity to enjoy a snow cone, play Guitar Hero, decorate a cupcake, have nachos, win a fish, make a deal, paint your hair, go fishing, get your face painted, win a cake, get a raffle ticket, eat pizza, enjoy corn on the cob, play miniature golf AND see a staff work hard for their students. Of course, Dan made an appearance

We had a record-breaking turn-out and a fabulous time was had by one and all. All the proceeds from the carnival go directly to classroom needs. Thanks to our amazing PTA, especially Zoe Chapjian and Laura Silverman, for their hard work and dedication in organizing this successful carnival.

We had a fantastic turn-out for the Route 66 Parade. We had lots of students and parents show up on our Bright Yellow T-Shirts and walk Huntington Drive. Our group was led by Dan D. Dolphin

and Char Wilson, the Duarte Unified Teacher of the Year. Special thanks to Lauren Anaya and Carrie Brakebush for leading the cheers and keeping the energy up for the whole parade. Our faithful staff, Carole Baroni, Jackie Lim, Liz Reilly, Tricia Franklin and Christy Carrillo were working hard to make sure we looked Great! Dolphin Pride was clear and present! Meredith Clark did a fantastic job organizing and planning this fun event.

In October, the Student Council learned the election process first-hand. Scott Moses, our student council advisor, held school-wide elections for officers. The children went through a process to throw their hat in the ring, and then the fun began. Hallways were covered with creative posters stating the candidate's positions. The culminating event was a school-wide assembly where the candidates gave a speech. They all did an incredible job of speaking with clarity and practicing the art of persuasion. The following students represented Valley View and made us Proud. Christian Polo, Robert Adams, Taylor Bean, Bobby Yousoufian, Michael Figueroa, Michael Hoo, Anabelle Serna, Kiah Ware, Stephaine Schwarz, Mayra Guzman, Sofia Borbon, Alissa Solorio, Jasmine Arellano, and Chrisley Banzuela. The final picks for student council were President- Aleena Chapjian, Vice-President- Nick Foley, Treasurer- Tyler Jackson, Secretary- Vanessa Sandoval and Sergeant at Arms- Alex Guiragossian.



# Royal Oaks shines brighter with MIND Institute math and music

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

Royal Oaks School would like to celebrate its high student achievement with MIND Research Institute Music Teacher, Karina Aviles.

MIND is a program that integrates spatial temporal reasoning and music to develop mathematical thinking.

Students attend piano keyboarding class weekly with Ms. Aviles who is specially trained by MIND institute.

Students also engage in interactive math reasoning lessons in the computer lab two times each week with Jiji, MIND's friendly cartoon penguin.

Ms. Aviles has been teaching music at Royal Oaks for three years and has even become a trainer for MIND.

This year they honored her with their Music Teacher of the Year award at their annual awards and fundraiser dinner at the Irvine Hyatt Regency Hotel on October 2.

Attending the black tie event with Ms. Aviles were Mary Gonzalez, retired Maxwell Principal; Janice Kolodinski, Royal Oaks Principal; Wendy Wright, DUSD Assistant Superintendent; and members of her family.

Ms. Aviles comes to Duarte as a graduate of Azusa Pacific University's fine music program. She works beyond the MIND program at RO teaching band after school. She also is also the MIND music teacher at Maxwell Elementary and offers private piano lessons.

Prior to teaching MIND music she worked as a substitute teacher in Duarte and has let her



DUSD ASSISTANT Superintendent, Wendy Wright, retired Maxwell Principal, Mary Gonzalez, MIND Music Teacher, Karina Aviles, and Royal Oaks Principal, Janice Kolodinski at the annual MIND Institute Awards dinner where Ms. Aviles received the Music Teacher of the Year Award.

# Child Development Programs

By Kaye Ekstrand, Director

## ROUTE 66 PARADE

More than 100 State Preschool and Head Start "stars" and parents proudly walked in the Route 66 Parade September 20, raising community awareness of our outstanding preschool programs.

## SOMETHING NEW

Children who turn three after December 2 can now enroll in Head Start on their third birthday. Before this year children who turned three after December 2 were not eligible to enroll until September.

It's not too late to enroll. State Preschool and Head Start are still accepting applications.

For information and to apply, contact (626) 599-5123. Se habla espanol.

Head Start accepts children who have disabilities.

## HEAD START REACHES OUT TO HOMELESS PRESCHOOLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Federal McKinney-Vento legislation expands the definition of "homeless" to include families who are living doubled-up due to loss of a job, eviction, or other economic hardship or loss.

Three and four-year-old children who are homeless are automatically eligible for Head Start services.

Older homeless children have protections including the right to remain in the same school if the family must move out of the school's attendance area for economic hardship.

For more information, contact

church youth choir.

Royal Oaks School continues to improve in student achievement and is grateful to have Ms. Aviles as part of the staff.

Royal Oaks experienced strong gains this year in student achievement for both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, with a 14 point gain in Academic Performance Index (API) for a total score of 850. This success is attributable to high expectations for all students, teachers who collaborate to improve instruction, targeted interventions, and great programs like MIND Institute.

the Head Start office at (626) 599-5121 or your neighborhood school.

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FLOURISH IN DUARTE USD

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ter School Education and Safety (ASES) Program, operated by the Orange-County based THINK Together program?

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Additional after school pro-

grams such as the Duarte's Promise Mini-Miracle Workers at Maxwell provide after school activities for Duarte USD students.

For information about after school programs in your area, contact your nearest Duarte USD school office.



PRESCHOOL TEACHERS Ms. Oliver, Mrs. Bustamante, and Mrs. King hold up their Parade Sign.



PRESCHOOL Children and Families walking in the Route 66 Parade.

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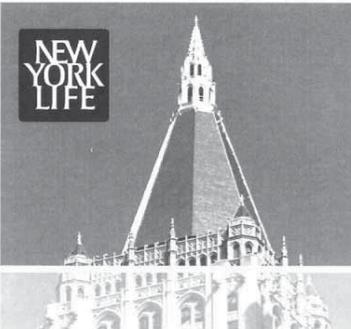
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# Lois Gaston, Donna Baker recognized as two of Business Life Magazine's Women Achievers

Business Life Magazine's 20th edition that featured Women Achievers recognized Duarte's Lois Gaston, member of the Duarte City Council and President of the California Contract Cities Association, Alhambra's Cecilia Wu, Chairperson at Los Angeles County Small Business Commission and Managing Partner at Wasserman, Comden & Casselman, and Monrovia's Donna Baker,



**WOMEN ACHIEVERS** RECOGNIZED by Business Life Magazine in its latest edition are, from left, Alhambra's Cecilia Wu, Chairperson at Los Angeles County Small Business Commission and Managing Partner at Wasserman, Comden & Casselman; Monrovia's Donna Baker, President/Chief Volunteer Officer for the Santa Anita Family YMCA; and Duarte's Lois Gaston, member of the Duarte City Council and President of the California Contract Cities Association.

er, President/ Chief Volunteer Officer for the Santa Anita Family YMCA.

The Business Life edition that was recently released featured profiles on 19 leading women that serve the communities in the Tri-Cities and the San Gabriel Valley.

Lois Gaston, as a Duarte council member, is dedicated to providing a safe environment, improving economic development, providing education and job opportunities, and improving the quality of life for all residents, business owners, and employees in Duarte. Since 1990, Gaston has mentored many youth by tutoring S.A.T and college prep programs, fund-raised and awarded scholarships to deserving high schools

and college students, offered job training and employment opportunities for others, taught literacy and lobbied on behalf of senior citizens. "Success is doing something you enjoy exceptionally well, based on how others perceive your effectiveness," said Gaston.

"The selection process," noted John Krikorian, Publisher, "included input from many community, civic and service organizations that serve the region. These are women who make a significant difference in their communities and need to be recognized."

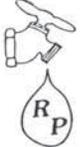
Each of the selected women were profiled and commended for their determination, flexibility, vision, belief in themselves, and for being a mentor and improving the quality of life in our communities. Women were asked to answer various questions including, "What motivated you to get involved in Women's, Civic, or Community organizations? How have you contributed and benefited to and from community life?"

Cecilia Wu, a lawyer since 1986, is also a board member of the Pasadena/Pomona/San Gabriel Legal Aid Society, and a commissioner of the Los Angeles County Adult Day Care Commission. Wu has been serving the community with the Los Angeles County Small Business Commission, for the past ten years. "While helping people, I have found that I have helped myself, for it is in giving that we receive," said Wu.

Donna Baker, works for Dickson Podley Realtors and currently serves as President/ Chief Volunteer Officer for the Santa Anita Family YMCA. She was named Monrovia Citizen of the Year by the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce, and received the Mary Wilcox Youth Advocacy and Community Leadership Award from the Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills. Donna attributes much of her success to the times she spent volunteering in the community, and to the fact that she has passion for her work. "People recognize that when you like what you do, you work hard at it, and they want to work with you because you passion is contagious!"

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# Citrus College to dedicate new Field House

By Stacy Armstrong

Citrus College will soon be celebrating the opening of one of its newest facilities.

Community members are invited to attend the formal dedication of the college's new Field House on Tuesday, November 17, at 3 p.m.

"This new facility is not only

an important addition to Citrus College, but it has positive implications for our local communities," said Paula Green, Citrus College Director of Communications. "Several local high schools utilize our facilities as their home athletic fields and for their graduation ceremonies. The college also hosts a variety of other public events at our stadium."

The new Field House provides modern locker rooms, a classroom, faculty offices, and work space to accommodate the needs of our student population. A new concession stand was also part of the building project.

In addition to these amenities, five of the college's athletic teams will also be housed in the Field House. These include football, track, cross country, baseball and soccer.

Perhaps one of the most attractive features of the new building is a

ceramic tile wall depicting students playing sports. This special feature was designed and built by Citrus College ceramics students, under the direction of art instructor Mike Hillman.

"The Field House and its accompanying concession stand contribute to an attractive environment that is conducive to both instruction and inter-collegiate athletics," Green said.

The dedication ceremony will provide visitors with the opportunity to tour the facilities. It will also include the introduction of special guests, an overview of the building and its purpose, and refreshments.

For more information about the Citrus College Field House Dedication, contact the Citrus College Office of External Relations at (626) 914-8872.

# Citrus College Theatre Arts to perform classic, yet timely Greek comedy

By Stacy Armstrong

When the Greek Comedy *Lysistrata* first debuted in Athens in 411 B.C., its relevancy was hard to ignore. After all, the Peloponnesian War had been raging for twenty years and the empire was in turmoil.

Thousands of years later, the lessons learned in Aristophanes' masterpiece are still applicable. This is one of the reasons the Citrus College Theatre Arts Department has chosen to perform it as their fall production.

"The story revolves around one lady's mission to end the war by convincing the women to withhold their 'favors' from the men until they decide to make peace," said Cherie Brown, Citrus College theatre arts instructor and the play's director/producer. "This play uses comedy to convey the message that war is divisive. It has been performed all over the world for many, many years and is still very timely in its universal appeal."

The show opens Friday, November 13 at 8 p.m. in the Citrus College Little Theatre. Additional performances are scheduled for November 14, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. and November 22 at 2 p.m. The subject matter is for mature audiences only.

"*Lysistrata* incorporates acting, movement, and dance and is presented in a broad non-realistic style," Brown said. "I encourage people to come and see the 28 student actors embracing their craft and to cheer their fearlessness. They are all working very hard and are dedicated to giving quality performances."

According to Brown, the performances are not just meant for entertainment. In fact, they serve a grander purpose.

"The education received through Theatre Arts is not just about performing a role," she said. "Its teachings also include the need for commitment, dedication and personal responsibility. These are all qualities that will make a student successful, no matter what area of interest they ultimately pursue."

At the same time, Brown says the audience is guaranteed to be entertained.

"People need to laugh and see something outrageous and fun during these tough times," Brown said. "*Lysistrata* definitely provides a good time."

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (626) 963-9411 or visit [www.haughpac.com](http://www.haughpac.com).

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CANDICE BURCH and staff from Performance Nissan with some ready-to-go friends.



DUARTE CHAMBER Marketing Director Diana Burckhard and Duarte Chamber Vice Chairman Debbie Gewertz of Old Town Signs are all set to go.



STEVE SEIDNER, Denise Walton and friends from Seidner Collision Centers joined in.

Over the 30 years, the Medrano's have watched many customers' children grow through school. We have done their proms, weddings, anniversaries and many special celebrations. We have been blessed in so many ways!

It has truly been very rewarding. Now Rosi and I will be turning the page to the next chapter "On our journey of life." Duarte truly is Our Kind of Town.

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# Veterans Day at Thorsen Park, Duarte



Congresswoman Judy Chu speaking at the Veterans Day program.



Mayor John Fasana serving as Master of Ceremonies.



W.W.II Navy veteran Lyle Umenhoffer recalling his personal experience as one of the few survivors of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, one of the most tragic incidents of W.W.II.



Duartean Melida Smith performing during the Veterans Day program.



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## Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Duarte will express its thanks to outstanding community volunteers at the 24th annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast and 22nd annual Duarte Chamber Community Service Recognition Awards, Wednesday, November 25th. The public is invited to attend the event that will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium located at 1500 East Duarte Road. This year's featured speaker is retired Azusa Pacific University Professor Philip Ostergard, author of "The Inspired Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln."

## City Joins CRA and Other Redevelopment Agencies to Block State Raid of Redevelopment Funds

Led by the California Redevelopment Association (CRA) and its other member Agencies, the City of Duarte is joining an effort to file a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the 2009 State Budget raid of \$2.05 billion in redevelopment funds. This raiding has a local impact to Duarte of approximately \$2.7 million for fiscal year 2009-10 with another \$560,000 hit in FY 2010-11. At the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting earlier this year, the Duarte City Council unanimously approved Resolution 09-22 opposing the seizure of tax income funds in addition to authorizing the City Attorney to cooperate with other agencies in litigation against the State.

In April of 2009, Sacramento County Superior Court ruled that State raids of redevelopment funds were unconstitutional, invalidating a 2008 budget bill to take \$350 million in redevelopment funds state-wide. Despite this decision by the Courts, both the legislature and the Governor still approved budget bill AB 26 4x authorizing another raid of \$2.05 billion.

The illegal seizure of local redevelopment funds will force cities, like Duarte, to stop redevelopment projects in their communities, which would have a devastating effect on the creation of 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. According to an economic analysis prepared by the CRA, this \$2.05 billion in redevelopment revenues could support 198,000 full and part-time jobs. At a time when California is heading towards a 12% unemployment rate, job development especially in the hard hit construction industry is more important than ever.

Duarte City Council members are gravely concerned about this State proposal and its impact on City services and the state as a whole.

- Raiding \$2.05 billion in redevelopment funds will eliminate tens of thousands of jobs, damage California's economic recovery efforts and harm local communities like Duarte.
- State raids of redevelopment funds unconstitutionally impair bond and other contracts.
- 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.



## Sonic Drive-In Coming to Duarte's Route 66

Sonic Drive-In, featuring carhops on roller-skates and a unique award-winning menu of Toaster sandwiches, extra long chili cheese Coney hot dogs, hand-battered onion rings and a plethora of drink and dessert choices, will soon be serving customers on Duarte's Route 66.

Construction is scheduled to begin the first week of November on the new Sonic Drive-In to be located at 1070 Huntington Dr. in the Mountain Vista Plaza Shopping Center, according to Brandon Wesselink, a partner and acquisitions manager for franchisee, Coast to Coast Commercial, Mission Viejo.

Sonic, which bills itself as America's Drive-In, is the nation's largest chain of drive-in restaurants with more than 3,500 locations, although the Duarte restaurant will be only the second in Los Angeles County. Coast to Coast Commercial, which opened its first store in Mission Viejo this summer, plans to build a total of 12 Sonic Drive-In restaurants in Orange and Los Angeles County over the next six years.



"What a perfect fit to have 'America's Drive-In' on 'America's Highway', Historic Route 66," said City Manager, Darrell George. "We're excited about Sonic coming to Duarte. The company has earned a great reputation over its 56-year history for providing customers with excellent service and a menu of fresh made-to-order food," said George.

The new 1,760 square foot Sonic Drive-In will provide customers with a unique outdoor dining experience. Sonic's distinctive use of drive-in stall speakers allows customers to place food orders without ever leaving their cars. Carhops personally deliver orders right to the customers' cars. The Duarte location will feature 22 drive-in stalls, outdoor patio dining, and a drive-through.

Sonic will hire about 30 crew members for the Duarte location, including cooks and carhops beginning mid-November. A sign on the site will direct applicants to information.

## Duarte Accepting Applications to Fill City Commissions

There are many opportunities available for members of the community to become involved in helping make Duarte a great place to live, work, and do business. One way is to serve on a City Commission in an advisory capacity to the City Council. The City of Duarte is currently accepting applications to fill 18 positions on its six commissions. The expiration of terms for current commissioners is December 31.

Duarte citizens interested in serving on a commission will have until November 30 to apply. Applications must be received by the City Manager's office at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr. by 6:00 p.m.

Application forms are available at City Hall, the Duarte Teen Center, and on the City's websites: [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com) or [www.duarteyouth.org](http://www.duarteyouth.org). City Councilmembers will interview applicants beginning at 4:00 p.m. on December 2 and December 3. Appointments will be announced at the City Council meeting on December 8, and the new commissioners will begin their terms of office on January 1, 2010.

Six commissions offer interested citizens and community members a variety of opportunities to serve their community.

- The Planning Commission holds public hearings on land use matters such as general plan and zoning code amendments, specific plans, rezoning, land use permits, and variances.
- The Public Safety Commission formulates recommendations pertaining to law enforcement, crime prevention and control, code enforcement, animal control, and emergency preparedness.

- The Parks and Recreation Commission acts on matters pertaining to parks, public recreation, and cooperates with other governmental agencies and civic groups in the advancement of sound park and recreation planning and programming.
- The Economic Development Commission helps to formulate and implement economic development programs aimed at attracting new business, retaining and expanding existing businesses, and stimulating new growth within the City. The Commission also advises the City Council on marketing of the City including City assets and facilities, to enhance the visibility of the City.
- The Traffic Safety Commission acts on matters pertaining to traffic laws, parking regulations, speed regulations, stop signs, traffic control signals, traffic calming measures, pavement markings, and other traffic safety and engineering issues.
- The Public Services Commission acts on matters affecting telecommunications, cable and satellite communications, public access television, audio and video services, broadband, and Internet services. The commission also advises City Council on refuse and trash collection, recycling, transit, environmental quality, public utility services within the City, green technologies, and advancing the 'Greening of Duarte'.

For more information about eligibility and how to apply for a commission post, call the City Manager's office at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

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## Happy Holidays !

From the City Council and Staff



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## New Helmets For Kids Only \$5



Youth between 3 - 18 years of age qualify to purchase helmets for only \$5.00 at the Public Safety office in the Mountain Vista Plaza shopping center every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A parent or guardian must accompany the child or young adult and show proof of Duarte residency. Helmets will properly be fitted to ensure their safety. For more information, please call the Public Safety office at (626) 357-7938.

## Residential Burglaries



From 2008 - 2009, residential burglaries have increased 30% due to "Acting Solicitors." Under the City of Duarte Municipal Code section 5.16.020, "No person shall engage in, conduct, or carry on the business of peddler, solicitor, or canvasser as herein defined without first applying for and receiving a permit therefore from the Director of Finance." To verify a solicitor, call our Public Safety office at (626) 357-7938. Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please contact the Temple Sheriff Station at (626) 485-7171 after business hours.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEEDS YOU  
TO BE OUR EYES AND EARS.  
DO THE RIGHT THING AND MAKE THE CALL.**



## Holiday Safety Tips

The holidays are upon us and it's the season that brings us joy and excitement to share with family and friends. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday, while also warning that this can be a dangerous time of the year as well. It is important that extra precautions be taken during the holiday season. Start with your home's security, as criminals know that most people have extra money and gifts in their homes during this season.

Among the tips offered by the Sheriff Department are:

- When you go out for the evening, leave a light, radio, or a television on to make it appear as if someone is home. Use a timer if possible. Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home.
- Shop with a family member or friend during daylight hours, if possible. When shopping with your children, keep them close to you. Make sure they know their home address and telephone number, including area code.
- Dress modestly, don't carry much cash with you, and avoid wearing flashy or expensive jewelry. Carry your purse close to you or place your wallet in a front pocket.
- Park in well-lit areas. Avoid parking next to vans or trucks. Store packages and gifts out of sight.
- Beware of strangers who come to the door, either selling items or soliciting for charity. Ask for identification and if you are still not satisfied, refuse to make a donation. Instead, donate only to an organization that you know and trust like the Duarte Community Council.

## Successful Community Movie Night

On Friday, September 25, Duarte Park served as the site to close the summer series of Neighborhood Watch. Four hundred residents enjoyed a free dinner and movie. Performance Nissan kicked off the evening by providing 50 free basketballs to the first 50 children at the park. Marvell West provided all movie goers with mouthwatering ribs, hotlinks, and hot dogs. Water donated by Duarte Rotary Club quenched residents' thirst. Snow cones were served by our Public Safety youth volunteers to help beat the heat.

Residents had the opportunity to learn about different organizations such as Census 2010, Duarte's Promise, Foothill Family Services, Foothill Unity Center, LA County Library, SCE Federal Credit Union, L.A. County Parks and Recreation, along with the City of Duarte departments of Administrative Services, Parks and Recreation, and Community Development.

DJ Sanchez kept the night upbeat with Michael Jackson's tunes and oldies. D.A.R.T. (Duarte Area Resource Team) and Duarte Parks and Recreation kept the children entertained with games and airbrushed face tattoos. One of the biggest attractions for the children was the motorcycle of LA County Sheriff Deputy, Marcelo Sepulveda.

After sunset, Duarte Park became an outdoor movie theater with the help of L.A. Party Works who provided a great movie experience with a 7 ft. by 10 ft. inflatable movie screen. Residents of all ages enjoyed the Blockbuster hit "Like Mike" while snacking chips donated by the Foothill Unity Center and popcorn donated by L.A. County Parks and Recreation. Thank you to all sponsors, volunteers, and the LA County Sheriff Department for participating in this event.



## Local Harvest

If you have a large amount of fruit growing in your yard, don't let it go to waste! Call Local Harvest, our Duarte program to have your homegrown fruit harvested by a team of supervised Duarte youth that will deliver the harvest to the Foothill Unity Center for immediate distribution to families in need! Harvesters are equipped with bags, boxes, fruit pickers and a ladder to carefully pick fruit directly from your trees. Harvesters can also stop by your home to receive fresh fruit that has already been picked. The Foothill Unity Center has been providing food and other necessities to local families in need for over 20 years.

To request harvesters, please call (626) 359-5671, ext. 316.

## Neighborhood Watch Holiday Toy Drive



Let's join together in celebrating the season with others through the Neighborhood Watch Toy Drive! This is the perfect time for neighbors to come together and give back to their community.

Please donate new and unwrapped toys to benefit the Duarte Community Service Council in their commitment to serve the less fortunate in Duarte with food and other necessities. The council relies on local community support to help families in need enjoy a winter season with extra food for the table and gifts for children.

Contact the Duarte Public Safety Office for more information in planning your neighborhood's toy drive. Gatherings can take place through a coffee night, potluck gathering, dessert exchange or other special event. Deputies can also be available to visit your gathering to collect donated toys.

All new and unwrapped toys should be delivered to the Duarte Public Safety Office by Monday, December 7, 2009. For more information, call the Duarte Public Safety Office at (626) 359-5671, ext. 316.

To learn how you can volunteer to help the Duarte Community Service Council call (626) 359-9487.

## National Night Out



On Tuesday, August 4th, 2009, residents throughout the City celebrated Duarte's 22nd National Night Out Celebration. Over 24 Neighborhood Watch Blocks socialized with pool and block parties, potlucks, and ice cream socials. Residents interacted with Deputies, Fire Fighters, City staff, and Government Officials who presented Block Captains with certificates of recognition and a gift from Target.

Duarte Target was a caring sponsor who also sent five wonderful representatives to support our emergency preparedness efforts by raffling Emergency Kits at each party. This collaborative effort wouldn't have been possible without our Neighborhood Watch Volunteers, Duarte Target, Performance Nissan, Census 2010, LA County Fire, and our greatest supporter, the LA County Sheriff's Department.

Despite the many special crime operations that took place during National Night Out week, volunteers were able to carry on their festivities and get their neighbors involved in the City's National Night Out Celebration.

### THANK YOU NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCKS!

Amberwood Homes	2500 Block of Elda St.
2600 Block of Bashor St.	300 Block of Opal Canyon Rd.
2500 Block of Bloomdale Str.	3000 Block of Markwood St.
3300 Block of Brookridge St.	200 Block of Mekanyon Rd.
1900 Block of Capehart	2300 Block of Rim Rd.
1600 Block of Cinco Robles Dr.	2600 Block of San Pablo Way
3000 Block of Conata St.	1600 Block of Second St.
Duarte Mesa Association	800 Block of Swiss Trails
500 Block of Fairwood St.	3200 Block of Tannencrest Dr.
1600 Block of First St.	400 Block of Tocino Dr.
2500 Freeborn St.	900 Block of Vista Mesa Court

## Recreation Holiday Activities



There will be plenty of opportunities for children and families to celebrate the holidays in Duarte this season. Holiday fun will kick off with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Fiesta on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Duarte Senior Center.

Festivities will include musical performances featuring cultural dancers, carolers and a special visit by Santa Claus who will be on hand to hear the special wishes of children and to help light the City's official Christmas tree, a beautiful live Redwood, at 8 p.m. Children will also enjoy making holiday crafts and playing games assisted by members of the Duarte Parks and Recreation staff. A traditional tamale dinner including two tamales, rice, beans, chips and soda will be available for \$5 per person.

Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus and he is ready to answer mail and phone calls from boys and girls in Duarte. Children are invited to send their letters to Santa, care of Duarte City Hall. Letters should be addressed Att: Santa Claus, 1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte, CA 91010-2592. Letters can also be deposited directly in Santa's Mailbox at Duarte City Hall. A return address and phone number must be included with the letter. All letters will be forwarded to the North Pole and will be answered in writing by Santa. Letters will be accepted from Nov. 30 through Dec. 10.

Duarte children are also invited to phone Santa Claus on his special hotline Tuesday, Dec. 15 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Children can talk to Santa by calling (626) 358-5425.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, Santa Claus will be making another in-person appearance in Duarte. He will visit Beardslee Park from 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. and Royal Oaks Park from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. before heading to the Duarte Community Center to spend more time with Duarte children at Santa's Holiday Party. There will be holiday games, crafts, music, prizes and refreshments.

Reservations are a must for this popular free event which is limited to the first 90 participants. To RSVP and to get more information on any of these fun holiday activities, call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.

## Duarte Teen Center

Duarte teens have their own special place to enjoy at the well-appointed Duarte Teen Center located at 1400 Buena Vista St. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 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.



### Computer Lab

The Computer Lab located in the Duarte Teen Center is open Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to 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 for use.

### Upcoming Events!

#### Turkey Shoot Contest

Tuesday Nov. 17, 3:30 p.m.  
Come shoot as many 3-point basketball shots as you can. Top winners will win a turkey to take home for the family to enjoy on Thanksgiving. Free

#### Winter Holiday Festival

Thursday Dec. 17, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Come join us at the Teen Center for a celebration of the winter holidays: Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. Musical choirs, food, cultural presentations, a holiday play and much more are planned. Free

#### Snow Trip

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Spend your day off from school in the snow at Alpine Slide in Big Bear. Play in the snow or go tubing down a snow-covered mountain. Lunch on your own. \$25

### Movie Mondays

Come relax and enjoy one of the latest movies at the Teen Center, Nov. 16 and Nov. 30 and Dec. 14 and Dec. 28 from 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 twice a month to discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships, and much more. Sign up now for the program set for Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 16 and Dec. 30. Free

### Teen Book Club

Come join the Teen Book Club. The book club meets once a month to discuss various books from a designated reading list. Meet new friends and find new adventures in the world of good books. The Teen Book Club meets the first Friday of each month at 4 p.m.

### Nutrition/Cooking Class

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

### Drama Club

The Drama Club meets once a week. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, improvisation, a theatre excursion, and an end of session play. Class meets Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Fee: \$5 membership for 6 months

### Youth Boxing Program

Boys and girls ages 8-18 are invited to join the fun and excitement with the Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center. Participants will learn all of the fundamentals of boxing, make new friends, feel more confident and get in incredible shape. Knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth. Participants can train for fun and physical activity, or for a chance to compete against other youth here and away. 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.

For more information about any of the special programs at the Duarte Teen Center stop in for a visit or call (626) 303-0863.

## Duarte Senior Center

The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to all residents 55 years of age and older and offers a variety of services and programs. For more information, call (626) 357-3513.

### 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.

### Lunch

The Senior Center serves lunch Monday thru Friday at 12 p.m. to individuals over 60 years of age or the spouse of someone over age 60 for a suggested donation of \$2 per person. You must be checked in with the front desk by 11:45 a.m., or your lunch will be given to someone on the waiting list. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance, and for "choice day" reservations are required 48 hours in advance. Call (626) 357-3513 for reservations.

### Access Transportation

Provides transportation for individuals with disabilities. For eligibility or more information call (800) 827-0829.

### Meals On Wheels Program

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 or Intervale at (626) 858-8382.

### Volunteers Needed

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers to help with food preparation, serving, table setups, craft projects, decorating, help at special events, etc. If you would like to give back to the community by volunteering, please contact Kelly at the Senior Center (626) 357-3513 ext. 116.

### How to Make Medicare Work for You!

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at the Duarte Senior Center by appointment the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counselor provides unbiased information, counseling and assistance on Medicare and related health care coverage including: Medicare Part D, "Extra Help" for Medicare Part D, Medicare HMOs, Medicare PPOs, Medicare Supplement (Medigap) Insurance, Long Term Care, Medi-Cal, and Medicare.

### Savings Programs

Call the Center at (626) 357-3513 to schedule an appointment.

### Lion Sight Program

Free vision care for low-income seniors is offered by appointment. To qualify for the Lions Sight Program, interested parties must be 62 or over, have a yearly income below \$25,900, and must live in Duarte. Three appointments are available per month. Call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to make an appointment.

### Dinner With Us

The Duarte Senior Center partners with many local restaurants to provide an evening meal at the Duarte Senior Center. Participants have an opportunity to enjoy a restaurant menu while dining at the Center. Seniors and their adult family members are welcome to participate. For more information, call the Center at (626) 357-3513.

### Classes

The Senior Center offers a variety of classes for adults 55 years and older. Classes offered this winter will include: Art Appreciation, Ceramics, Cross Fit, English as a Second Language, Exercise with Shelly, Guitar, How to Write Your Own Life's Story, Knitting, Low Impact Aerobics, Piano/Keyboard, Piano private lessons, Music Appreciation, Spanish – Beginning and Intermediate, Strength Training, Tai Chi, and Yoga. For further information, please contact the Senior Center at 357-3513.

### AARP Driver Safety Program

Dates: Tuesday & Thursday, January 19 & 21  
Time: 1 – 5 p.m.  
Fee: \$12 for AARP members & \$14 for non-members  
Conducted by AARP at the Duarte Senior Center. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates age 55 and older. Attendance is required at both sessions. Reservations and payment are required. Please call the Senior Center to make an appointment for this event at (626) 357-3513.

### Excursions

The Mission Inn and Heritage House  
Tuesday, December 15  
10:45 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
\$38.

The City of Duarte will begin taking registration for the following excursions at Duarte City Hall on December 7. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. for residents with proof of residency, and 9 a.m. for all others. A driver's license, California ID, or utility bill will be accepted as proof of residency. No more than 4 participants can be registered at one time. We accept Visa and MasterCard for purchases over \$30.

Guide Dogs of America and the Nethercutt Museum  
Thursday, January 14  
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
\$32  
Lunch included

Glendale Centre Theater "See How They Run"  
Saturday, January 30  
12 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
\$34  
Lunch included

The Pasadena Museum of History and Lunch at 561 Le Cordon Bleu School  
Thursday, February 4  
11:45 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.  
Lunch included

Fantasy Springs Casino  
Tuesday, February 16  
9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
\$25 (\$15 back in free play)  
Lunch on your own

Disney Concert Hall Tour and Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels  
Wednesday, March 3  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
\$36  
Lunch on your own

Aquarium of the Pacific  
Tuesday, March 30  
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
\$38  
Lunch on your own

# City Snapshots

## Duarte's 4-1-1

Duarte City Hall.....	(626) 357-7931
Building & Permits .....	x230/x235
Business Licensing .....	x213
Field Services.....	x205
Street Lights.....	x205
Foothill Transit Bus Passes.....	x211
Planning .....	x230/x235
Redevelopment.....	x230/x235
Transit.....	(626) 358-9627
Duarte Fitness Center.....	(626) 357-6118
Duarte Pool Center.....	(626) 357-6118
Duarte Teen Center.....	(626) 303-0863
Duarte Senior Center.....	(626) 357-3513
Public Safety*.....	(626) 357-7938
Anonymous Tip Line.....	x462/x211
Graffiti Removal .....	(626) 836-3654
Fire Department.....	(626) 358-3118
Temple Sheriff Station.....	(626) 448-9861

### UTILITIES & SERVICES

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

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

## Calendar Key\*

	Commission Meeting		Watershed Restoration Program
	Council Meeting		Christmas Tree Lighting
	Farmer's Market Huntington Dr. & Buenavista St.		Santa's Visit and Holiday Party
	Mayor's Youth Council Meeting		Hannukah
	Municipal Election		Christmas Eve City Hall Closed
	HIV/AIDS Action Summit		Christmas Day
	20th Annual Rose Float Tournament		New Year's Eve City Hall Closed
	Veteran's Day: Honoring Those Who Served		Thanksgiving City Hall Closed
	Mayor's Thanksgiving Prayer		DUSD Winter Break
	Youth and Family Master Plan Committee Meeting		Holiday of Promise
			Lunch and Learn

\*Additional events, information, and commission meetings are available at (626) 357-7931 or [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com)  
City Hall will be closed on highlighted days due to the Holidays.



## November 2009

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The Duarte Public Safety Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department will team up with Duarte schools to educate the community's youth about the dangers of drugs.



The Parks & Recreation Department would like to give a BIG THANKS to the local Duarte supporters and contributors of Summer Health Camp 2009!!! We wouldn't be a success without you! For food stamp information, call 877-847-3663. Funded by the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, an equal opportunity provider and employer.



**Duarte Fitness Center**  
**Duarte Transit**  
**Frontier Hardware**



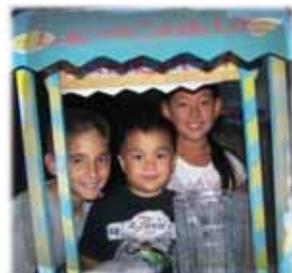
Duarte is committed to leading a united community effort to fulfill the Five Promises. Duarte's Promise: The Alliance For Youth has pledged to work in partnership with the school district, communities of faith, youth organizations, non-profit and local businesses to ensure that the needs of young people are known, that the talents of individuals in the community are fully tapped, and that resources are effectively and broadly delivered.



The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a Senior Center volunteer. For more information call 357-3513.



Children at Beardslee Elementary have the opportunity to learn about different healthy food choices with the after school nutrition program. The after school nutrition program is taught by Parks and Recreation Nutrition Coordinator, Jasmine Klinton.



Duarte children celebrate National Night Out by serving lemonade for neighbors in the neighborhood. The Duarte Public Safety Department invites you and your neighbors to be a part of the National Night Out 2009 Team. Make plans now to revive your Neighborhood Watch Program and get acquainted with both new and longtime neighbors.