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CHAMPION BODY BUILDERS Brian and Jennifer Whelan will flex their muscles for Route 66 as Grand Marshals of Duarte's 17th annual Salute to Route 66 Parade on Sept. 22. This year's parade theme is "Get Fit on Route 66".

A good year for Duarte Schools

Duarte students are benefiting from multiple grants totaling over \$2.5 million that touch on all facets of their purpose as an organization: *The mission of the Duarte Unified School District is to provide the knowledge, skills, and expertise for each individual student to be successful in career and life.*

Here are the highlights from the 2011-2012 academic year...

City of Hope – A \$1.3 million grant, announced by the National Institute of Health, to foster biotechnology over a five year period. The grant includes opportunities for high school students to research elbow-to-elbow with City of Hope scientists, as well as informational experiences for elementary and middle school students with the goal of promoting interest in the field for all students.

California Math and Science Project – A \$1 million grant to promote conceptual knowledge and strategies for teaching mathematics over a three year period. The Duarte Unified School district is part of a consortium for this research grant along with the Glendora school district. There are 30 project teachers and 30 control teachers of 3rd grade Algebra 1.

Zhongkun International Youth Foundation – This international foundation awarded a Duarte High School delegation of 10 students and two teachers a \$100,000 grant to visit China this summer to participate in a cultural camp.

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District – \$100,000 was received to help remove the natural turf during the high schools \$2.74 million



UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT \$100,000 check presentation — from left are: Superintendent Terry Nichols, School Board Member Tom Reyes, USGVMWD Board of Directors President-Division 5, Bryan Urias, USGVMWD Board of Directors Vice President-Division 1, Anthony Fellow, School Board Member Ken Bell, School Board Member Pam Kawasaki, School Board President Reyna Diaz, and DUSD Senior Director of Facilities Brad Patterson. Photo by Levon Yotnakhparian

stadium renovation and replace it with artificial turf. The school district received the maximum amount allowed for participating in the water districts "Turf Removal Program". (Please include photo with caption)

3M Grant – \$10,000 received by Beardslee to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) for the 2012-2013 school year. They will utilize the monies to enhance the Mind Institute program for 4th and 5th grade students.

Pearson Learning Teams Partnership Site Grant – \$55,000 was received by Northview Intermediate to develop capacity for teachers to collaborate on instruction. This grant will pay for training of Learning Team leaders

and facilitators as they move to this instructional improvement strategy.

Frostig - \$30,000 grant provides training in Success Attributes for teachers (4th-8th grade) who will integrate them school-wide into all curricular areas. Success Attributes will provide a common language around student resiliency. These attributes have a 20 year longitudinal study behind them that demonstrates long term success.

Fishman Foundation Grant - this local non-profit foundation sponsored an all expense paid field trip to the Museum of Tolerance for 65 students from Northview Intermediate School that included the cost of admission and transportation.

Champion Body Builders Brian and Jennifer Whelan named Rt. 66 Parade Grand Marshals

Duarte Route 66 Parade organizers have injected some additional muscle into this year's parade theme, "Get Fit on Route 66," with the naming of husband and wife champion body builders Brian and Jennifer Whelan to lead the 17th annual parade as Grand

Marshals on Sept. 22.

The Whelans are also the owners of the popular Foothill Gym in Monrovia where they train and coach their clients toward a healthy way of life as they help them transform their bodies.

"We're very excited about the opportunity to spread the message of good health and fitness. That's what we're all about. It's a great theme," said Brian Whelan.

The Whelans have won numerous physique contests, most recently the title "Mr. and Mrs. Muscle Beach" at Venice Beach on July 4th. Jennifer is a national level figure competitor and Brian a top body builder.

Duarte's Route 66 Parade offers a colorful cavalcade of community groups, marching bands, equestrian units, and antique and classic cars, including many from throughout Southern California eager to share a role in the nation's only annual parade dedicated to celebrating the Mother Road. Co-sponsored by the City of Duarte and Duarte Community Coordinating Council, the all-volunteer parade committee is chaired by local businesswoman Lisa Magno.

For more information about the Route 66 Parade, visit www.duarteroute66parade.com.

Duarte Launches Nextdoor

The Duarte City Council launched Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the first private social network for neighborhoods, to foster neighbor-to-neighbor and citywide communication. The City has been mapped into 12 neighborhoods based on active neighborhood watch groups and 8 neighborhoods have already started building their Nextdoor sites. Duarte residents can use Nextdoor to create private websites for their neighborhoods where they can get to know their neighbors, ask questions, obtain timely City updates and exchange local advice and recommendations.

Topics of discussion on Nextdoor are as varied as local events,

school activities, plumber and babysitter recommendations, disaster preparedness, recent crime activity, upcoming garage sales or even lost pets. Nextdoor also recently announced the launch of its "Groups" feature. Nextdoor Groups enable two or more neighbors to create a dedicated area of their Nextdoor website to easily communicate about common interests, topics, or hobbies. Neighbors can create Nextdoor Groups for any number of reasons such as bringing together residents of a specific block who wish to plan a National Night Out block party, mommy or new parent groups, HOA members, neighborhood watch or even for dog owners.

Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another to help build stronger communities, which is a huge priority for Duarte. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password-protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood. In addition, Nextdoor never shares personal information with any third parties. Neighbor posts are organized and archived for future reference.

For additional information on Nextdoor visit www.nextdoor.com or contact the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.



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Thomas William Clark III

By Claudia Heller

He was a man who lived life to its fullest, fueled by his love for family, sports and making people laugh. Thomas William Clark III, born and raised in Duarte, collapsed on July 7 while umpiring a baseball game. He died shortly thereafter. His passing is mourned by his extended family and those whose lives he touched.



Tom's mother, Charlyss, and his father, Tom Clark Jr., left the Los Angeles area to come to rural Duarte in 1949, raising their children in a town that had suffered growing pains while improving over the next six decades. Charlyss worked as a cook for the Duarte School District for 18 years and since that time filled in when needed. She was a tireless volunteer and raised her family to also volunteer selflessly. Their second child, Tom Clark III, was much like his folks: a volunteer like his mom, wild about baseball and working on cars like his dad.

When Tom III graduated from Duarte High School he had already learned a lot about cars while helping at his father's Union Oil Station in Pasadena. He worked for a while in construction and taught an ROP auto shop class at Duarte High School. He also worked as a mechanic keeping the school buses running. But it was umpiring and coaching baseball that he loved. According to his family, "His work ethic was one that cannot be compared to by many. His dedication to sports was driven by passion and determination. His ability to work with others and make them believe they had what it takes, and his willingness to encourage them to get there was immeasurable. He was a natural at uplifting one's heart and soul."

Tom died just 6 days shy of his 38th wedding anniversary. When he married Kim she stood beside him as a volunteer at school functions, much of it on the sports fields. The extended family worked together at Bingo games which were held weekly at the school, raising a good deal of money for school-related projects. Together Tom III and Kim raised four children, Tosh, Paige, Brooke and Courtney.

Tom III's children and grandchildren are his son Thomas W. Clark IV (Tosh), his wife Deanna and children Katie, Kylie and Thomas W. Clark V; daughter Paige and husband Jesse, children Aiden, Makenna and Ace; daughter Brook, husband Stanley and child Skyler; and daughter Courtney.

The Clarks are well known throughout the community because their activities over decades have brought them in contact with so many local residents and families.

"He will truly be missed and without him our lives will never be the same," says the family, though still in shock over the loss. "Although the imprint on our hearts will live on forever, we will work hard to live up to his expectations as if he were here to guide us."

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Duarte City Council to move ahead on budget strategy

The Duarte City Council has developed a strategy to address a budget shortfall in order to ensure the City's fiscal stability in light of the recent 4-1 vote by the City Council (AYES: Paras-Caracci, Finlay, Reilly, Fasana, NOES: Reyes) preventing the City from declaring a fiscal emergency.

The California Constitution requires a unanimous decision in order to declare an "emergency" that would have allowed the City

to place a revenue measure on the ballot in an off-election year. The November 2012 ballot in a presidential election year would have ensured a much higher turnout by Duarte voters than typically is experienced in municipal elections. Due to the resolution's failure, Duarte voters will not have the opportunity to choose whether to generate further revenue needed to help prevent additional cuts and to stabilize and

help restore essential programs and services.

The Council will hold a workshop on Sept. 11 focusing on the City's revenues and cash flow given continued State take-aways, diminishing State revenues and their impacts on the City's total available cash. The workshop will also include five-year projections of the General Fund (revenues and expenses) and how the City could run a growing annual deficit currently estimated between \$160,000 and \$600,000 a year unless it is addressed.

At the Duarte City Council meeting also on Sept. 11, the Council may decide the timing on previously approved "trigger cuts" currently part of the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget which were originally set to go into effect Jan. 1 if Duarte voters turned the revenue measure down. Those include the elimination of one Special Assignment Sheriff's Deputy (\$116,000 savings)

and the reduction of mid-week park restroom cleaning by two days (\$5,000 savings). With no revenue measure to consider, a discussion making the "trigger cuts" sooner than later has been advanced. This action and others may be necessary to continue to keep the budget balanced and help safeguard a \$5 million general fund reserve for unanticipated events and emergencies.

In late October, the City Council will again conduct an in-depth review of the City finances, focusing on program and service expenses, rather than wait until the usual mid-year budget workshop in February. Together with City staff, the City Council will look at any projected deficit for the current fiscal year and have a thorough discussion of potential cuts.

Since fiscal year 2008/2009, the City Council has taken a number of steps to reduce costs including General Fund program and service cuts totaling approximately \$2 million, and deferral of \$1.5 million in capital projects. The City renegotiated labor agreements with the employee bargaining unit resulting in savings in both the short and long term through lowering of pension costs, retirement benefits, medical insurance, and the implementation of a furlough program. The historically lean City staff has been reduced by 12 positions, approximately 20% over the past four years. Full time/three quarter time staffing for Duarte, population 25,000, is 41.25 for 2012/2013.

Additionally, as a result of the State's elimination of redevel-

opment agencies, the progress the City had made in cutting expenditures to balance the City's budget is now insufficient. Over its 38-year history, the Redevelopment Agency helped transform Duarte by eliminating blight, encouraging economic growth, funding quality affordable housing, and building a solid commercial and retail tax base. The Redevelopment Agency also provided funding for positions and programs related to redevelopment through a reimbursement to the City's General Fund. By fiscal year 2011/2012, the amount of that reimbursement had reached \$1 million annually. In the last four years, the State has forced the City to turn over \$3.2 million in Redevelopment Agency funds, and based on the AB 1484 clean-up legislation to the redevelopment agency dissolution laws, there is a high probability that the State will take another \$7.5 million, monies that the Redevelopment Agency repaid to the City in February 2011 for loans to the Agency over the past three decades.

Duarte is committed to continuing its proactive approach to keep the City budget in balance against the challenges of the ongoing economic recession, the State of California's consistent raiding of local funds, and the elimination of redevelopment agencies. Duarte continues to work with other cities to protect local revenues from State raids.

For additional information on Duarte's ongoing budget strategies, please call (626) 357-7931 or visit www.accessduarte.com for ongoing stories.



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Claudia Heller honored as 32nd District's Volunteer of the Year by Congresswoman Judy Chu

Claudia Heller of Duarte was among those honored for her dedication, compassion and outstanding contributions to the People of the 32nd District by Congresswoman Judy Chu at her 3rd Annual DiverCities Awards Ceremony held July 28 at the University of the West in Rosemead.

Heller was presented with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition for her "selfless commitment to the community" through her years of volunteerism. Heller is the longtime president of the Duarte Historical Society and Duarte Historical Museum, where she also serves as a docent. She is also a member and past president of the Duarte Woman's Club, writes a bi-monthly column about the Duarte community in the Star Weekly of the Pasadena Star News. She shares her love

of nature and travel with the community through semi-annual bird walks along the San Gabriel River and volunteers her expertise to the Duarte Senior Center by hosting tours to interesting historical locales.

This was the second award this year for Heller who was honored in May by the Duarte Senior Center as the 2012 Volunteer of the Year, and subsequently recognized by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for her dedication and commitment to the City of Duarte and the Duarte Senior Center.

Congresswoman Chu's DiverCities Awards recognizes the diverse leadership and volunteerism in the cities that make up the 32nd District. It presents an opportunity to recognize the San Gabriel Valley's diverse business, cultural and philanthropic

communities. Also honored was Businessman of the Year, Mario Valdes, chief executive officer of Glomar Enterprises, Irwindale; Businesswoman of the Year, Maria Quinonez, owner of Professional Institute of Beauty, El Monte; Community Activists of the Year, Ron Hansel, West Covina and Doris Wallace, West Covina. Three organizations were also recognized as Non Profits of the Year, Sun Yat Sen Chinese Institute, Monterey Park, Creative Planet School of the Arts, Baldwin Park, and Chinese American Military Support, Baldwin Park.

HONOREE CLAUDIA HELLER receiving recognition from Congresswoman Judy Chu as the 32nd District's Volunteer of the Year.



Duarte passes Resolution to continue to comply with Brown Act despite State's action

Despite the State's decision to suspend key provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, California's long standing open meeting law, the City of Duarte will continue to comply to assure continued transparency in the conduct of the meetings of the City Council and all City Commissions and committees to which the Brown Act applies.

"The City of Duarte is committed to open government and will continue to comply with the Brown Act, said Mayor, John Fasana.

Enacted in 1953, the Brown Act, guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of legislative bodies.

On June 27, 2012, as part of the State Budget Act, five provisions of the Brown Act were suspended to avoid having to reimburse local agencies for the state mandate. Suspended for fiscal years 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, were the requirements to:

- Prepare and post at least 72 hours in advance of a meeting an agenda that contains a brief description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting.

- Include on the agenda a brief general description of all items to be discussed in closed session.

- Disclosure of each item to be discussed in closed session in an open meeting prior to any closed session.

- Report in open session prior to adjournment of the actions and votes taken in closed session re-

garding certain subject matters.

- Provide copies to the public of certain closed session documents.

In a resolution adopted unanimously by the Duarte City Council on August 14, the Council reaffirmed its commitment to providing continued transparency

when conducting its business, in adherence with the City's mission statement: "With integrity and transparency, the City of Duarte provides exemplary public services in a caring and fiscally responsible manner with a commitment to our community's future."



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Duarte Kiwanis Club hears new Parent Programs at Duarte Library

Cindy Singer, Parent Outreach Coordinator for the LA County Library came to share some Big News with the Duarte Kiwanis Club. The Duarte Public Library has been selected to participate in a program for parents over the next year. They will become a Family Place Library. This program supports parents in their role as their children's first and most important teacher.

Additionally, the Duarte Library is hosting the Parent Café monthly (the next session is Saturday, September 15, from 11 a.m.-1 pm.). The Parent Café specializes in answering questions from parents. Also, for all parents who attend 6 of the 10 sessions, will receive a movie camera free of charge!

The Duarte Library will also be providing various programs for teens ranging from Theater, to learning to DJ, to Yoga over the next few months.

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Citrus College Milestone Achievements for 2012

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell,
Citrus Community College
District Trustee,
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California's community colleges are in the midst of another challenging year, as the state and nation continue on the slow path toward economic recovery. In spite of unprecedented reductions in budget, staffing and program, this year Citrus College has achieved several milestones in preparing students for successful entry into a workplace that will require more sophisticated and highly technical skills than any time in our nation's history.

No doubt the greatest validation of a college's effectiveness is the success of its students. In June, a record 1,332 associate degrees were awarded, and 480 students crossed the stage to receive their diplomas. The college also received news in June that it had once again earned a place on the list of "top degree producers" by Community College Week. The national publication ranked Citrus College 17 out of the nation's top 50 producers of asso-

ciate degrees in multi/interdisciplinary studies; 33 out of the top 100 producers of associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students; and 65 out of the top 100 producers of associate degrees awarded to all minority students. While Citrus College has ranked in these categories in previous years, these numbers show a significant jump in standing. In addition, Citrus College ranked 23 out of the top 50 producers of associate degrees in parks/recreation/leisure/fitness studies and 87 out of the top 100 producers of associate degrees awarded to Asian-American students. With approximately 1,200 community colleges nationwide, these rankings represent a significant accomplishment.

I am pleased to note that students from Duarte made a positive impact on the college's performance for the year. At the Achievement Awards in May, three Duarte students received Citrus College's Key of Knowledge. The Key of Knowledge is the highest academic honor granted by Citrus College each year, and only 10 students collegewide are selected to receive this award. Those students are: mathematics major Sara Khair, who plans to become a professor of mathematics; Wesley Gunter, who plans to pursue his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering; and Carey Gunter, who plans to pursue a double major in computer engineering and computer science. In addition, Duarte residents Jonathan Cooper, Chelsea Padgett and Ruth Wigglesworth earned a place on the list of the college's "Top 100" students.

In 2010, landmark legislation was signed into law creating an associate degree for transfer for California community college students. This new degree streamlines the process for students transferring from community colleges to California State Universities and guarantees them admission with junior standing. Forty-two Citrus College students were awarded the college's first associate degrees for transfer in June, and they will be transferring to a California State University in the fall. These students have focused on their studies and are achieving their higher education goals. Duarte resident, Lizeth Preciado is one of these students, receiving her AA-T in sociology.

The Citrus College Class of 2012 had many stars, and I am certain there are some amazing success stories in the making. I am also confident that 2012 Citrus College Bright Futures Scholarship winners from Duarte, Christopher Reynoso and Anissa Shelton from Duarte High School and Sarah Perez and Richard Saldana from Mt. Olive High School, will be Citrus College success stories in the future.

I am grateful to the outstanding faculty, staff and managers of Citrus College who have supported and encouraged these students in the successful pursuit of their academic goals, which has resulted in these college milestones. California's community colleges are key to the future financial health of the state. As the economic recovery gains momentum, Citrus College students will be prepared to answer the call for well-educated and highly skilled workers.



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Duarte Library Activities

Duarte Library, part of the County of Los Angeles Public Library, provides library services such as reference and information services, programs, and online databases to all residents of Los Angeles County.

We are open Monday thru Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

For more information, please call (626) 358-1865.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

STORYTIMES:

Preschool Storytime Fridays, 11:15 a.m. (October 5-December 14) (Please note that storytime will be taking a break on September 21 & 28 and December 21 & 28) Children approximately ages 3-5 are invited to a morning of age-appropriate stories, songs and art activities and socialization.

Toddler Storytime Fridays 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. (Oct. 12-November 16; December 7-28) A special storytime for our youngest library customers! Toddlers approximately ages 12-36 months (ages 1-3) and their parents/caregivers are invited to a morning of age-appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, occasional art activities, and time for play and socialization.

(Special note: This storytime is held before the library opens to the public; please enter through door at south end of the building.)

Schoolage Storytime Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. (October 9-December 11—Fall Session) Stories and art activities for school-age children in grades K-5 (approximate ages 5-10).

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Parent Café

Please join us every third Saturday of the month for food and meaningful conversation about children and family. Learn from others and share your experiences!

Free gifts for attendance and get your attendance card punched for the big prize, a video camera.

Remember, if you attend 6 of the 10 upcoming monthly events, you will receive the camera. This is not a drawing.

Sign ups will be available at the library. Dates for Parent Café: August 18, September 15, October 20, and November 17. All Parent Café will start at 11:00 a.m.

County of Los Angeles Public Library Centennial Celebration

Come join us, on September 8, as the library celebrates the first 100 years of County service. There will be free giveaways to the public (while supplies last). The birthday celebration will start at 11:00 a.m. For more information, please call (626) 358-1865.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Chit Chat

Enjoy a good book and a good discussion!

Come by the library between September 12th and October 7th, and pick up a copy of "Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon. Book discussion, led by Librarian Eileen Penson, will occur on Saturday @ 2pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Make Your Own Yogurt Workshop

Please join us as Ms. Felicia Frieseema teaches us how to create home made yogurt. The workshop will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 2 p.m.

Zolita Swerdlove Art Lecture with Dr. Rapp

Dr. Rapp will present a lecture on Zolita Swerdlove, the Last Impressionist. Come and see and enjoy Ms. Swerdlove's fascinating works of art. This will take place on Saturday, October 13 at 1 p.m.

City Council Meeting – September 11, 7 p.m. Our Summer Reading Program teen volunteers ("Volunteers") will be honored for their service

to the library at the Duarte City Council meeting.

Parent Workshop – September 14 & 21. Call for more information

In-n-Out promotion Reading Club (October 6-November 17)—children ages 4-12 are invited to read books to earn free hamburgers from In-n-Out.

Halloween Party – October 26 - 3:30-4:30 p.m. Children ages 12 and under are invited to an afternoon of Halloween stories, poems, games and trick-or-treating. Come in costume – if you dare!

ALL MONTH OCTOBER – BOOK-MARK CONTEST (grades K-12) Call library for details

Bookmark Contest Reception – November 17 - 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. All children who participated in the Bookmark Contest are invited to a reception in their honor. Refreshments will be served and winners will be announced.

Gingerbread House Program – December 15 - 2:00-3:30 p.m. Participants of all ages are invited for holiday stories and a chance to make their own "gingerbread" houses to take home. All supplies will be provided free courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Teens

Theater of Hearts, Artists in Residence Program to start Wednesdays @ 4pm, September 5th thru December 5th.

Come and learn about the creative and visual arts process from a professional artist. Cost: Free

Ebook and Music Download Workshop

Learn how to download E-books and music from the library website. Monday September 10th, 2pm - 3pm

SAT/ACT College Prep Test

Students take a sample of each college prep test to determine which one is best for you. Test results and strategy tips will be provided on Wednesday September 26th from 6pm – 7pm. Cost: Free

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Cal-American Water Main Relocation Project in Duarte Aug. 15-Oct. 1 on Duarte Rd. from Highland Ave. to Mountain Ave.

California-American Water has begun a water main relocation project in the City of Duarte required by the Foothill Transit Authority for the extension of the Metro Gold Line commuter rail line. Work will be going on intermittently from Aug. 15 to Oct. 1 to construct a 12-inch water main along Duarte Rd. between Highland Ave. and Mountain Ave.

Traffic control and lane closures are planned to occur during construction between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. As work proceeds construction activities may require extended traffic control and lane closure hours, according to Operations Manager Garry Hofer.

"The new water main is an important part of Duarte's water system and will provide a reliable, safe and efficient water supply for years to come," said Hofer.

California-American Water is working with the City of Duarte, City of Monrovia, the Foothill Transit Authority and the Foothill Transit Contractors on the project.

For additional information, contact: Hofer at California-American Water (626) 614-2510 or Teresa Renteria, assistant civil engineer, City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext. 234.

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Fitness Center membership prices can't be beat! Regular yearly membership fees for Duarte residents: \$160 – Exercise/Aerobics & Aquatics or Racquetball, \$220 – Total Facility/Individual, \$320 – Total Facility/Family; non resident fees: \$220 – Exercise/Aerobics & Aquatics or Racquetball, \$295 – Total Facility/Individual, \$420 – Total Facility/Family. The Fitness Center has several membership sales a year offering a 20% discount! The next membership sale will be September 1-8. Corporate membership discount rates also available. Please note beginning July 1 the Fitness Center began closing at 9 p.m. and will close for all major holidays.

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Construction Begins at Northview

As a result of the community support of bond Measure E, Northview Intermediate School is reaping the rewards of a new cafeteria and physical education/locker room area. The original cafeteria and locker room will

be torn down and replaced with a brand new building.

The initial phases of the construction process have begun, and will continue throughout the upcoming year. The new facility is scheduled for use at the opening

of the 2013-2014 school year.

As a result of the ongoing construction a temporary lunch facility is in place to serve the Northview students. In addition, two classrooms have been converted into separate girls and boys locker rooms for student use for their physical education class.

Our whole school community looks forward to the completion of our new facility in 2014.



School Bond Showcase Saturday, September 8, 1-3 p.m., at Northview Intermediate School

The Duarte Unified School District extends an invitation to all interested members of the Duarte community to attend a special Open House to see first-hand the positive impact the passage of Measure E is providing our students.

At this event, there will be demonstrations of the new "SMART" technology that is currently being utilized by every teacher in every classroom across the district.

You also will have the opportunity to receive information directly from the architects and construction team who are responsible for the current building improvement projects, as well as preview the next phases of construction.

District personnel will be on-hand to answer your questions about how your bond dollars are being expended and to provide you with feedback regarding our progress.

As a special treat, the Duarte Lemonade Brigade and Duarte High School Culinary Class will be providing refreshments to attendees.

We thank the entire Duarte community for your on-going commitment to our public schools, and hope you will join us to see the tangible benefits of your investment in our students' futures.

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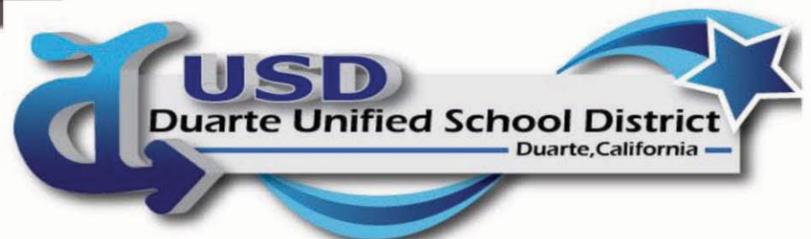
- ✍ View demonstrations of the "SMART" technology utilized at our schools
- ✍ Receive information on current building projects and preview future plans
- ✍ Have your questions and comments addressed by Duarte Unified Officials
- ✍ Enjoy refreshments from the Lemonade Brigade and DHS Culinary Class

We thank you for your support and hope you will join us to see first-hand the positive impact your investment in our students' futures is making!

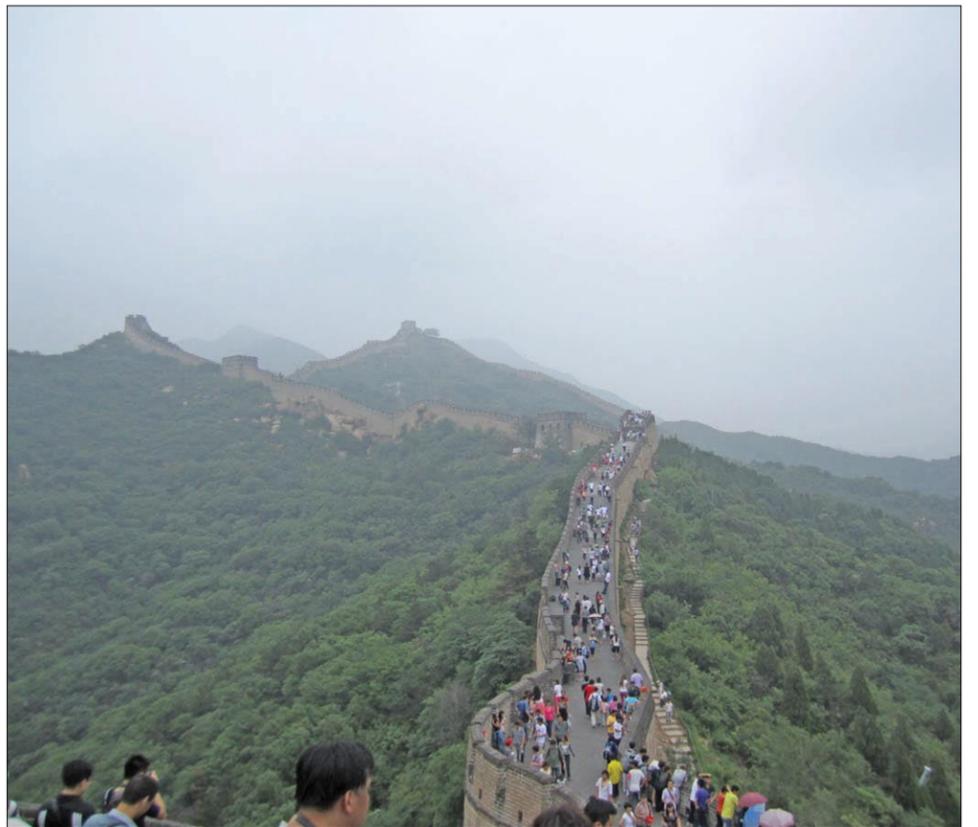
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Duarte Kiwanis Club enjoys "Why I Love America" program

When Duarte Kiwanis Club President Tina Carey initially scheduled a July Program with Jimmy Weldon speaking on the topic of "Why I Love America", she never dreamed how coincidence would play a part in the meeting. Kiwanian Lois Gaston contacted Tina to share that a young man from her church, Joseph Spicer, had been honored with a trip to the White House to meet President Obama and could he attend the meeting and share his experience. Of course the answer was "yes".

It turns out, Joseph is a participant in the Big Brothers Program and he had nominated his Big Brother, Mike Trueblood of La Canada, as Big Brother of the Year. Mike was selected as this year's honoree – out of 266,000 Big Brothers! Part of the honor was a trip to the White House and the opportunity to meet with the President.

Mike and Joseph shared their experience with Big Brothers

– Mike has been Joseph's Big Brother for the past 5 years – and encouraged others to consider volunteering. It turns out there are over 400 boys and girls waiting for Big Brothers and Sisters in the local areas. Mike also shared a special gift they each got from President Obama – a box of White House M&M's. As Mike shared, he feels the M&M stands for Mentoring and Money – keys to continuing a great Big Brothers Organization.

The club was then enthralled with Speaker Jimmy Weldon as he shared "Why We Love America" – The Creation of Our

Sacred Document, The Constitution. Jimmy is an engaging speaker who inspired each of the attendees. Jimmy is also the voice of Webster Webfoot and Yankee

Doodle from the old Yogi Bear cartoons.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.



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Residents advised to take extra precautions against West Nile Virus

West Covina, CA (August 24, 2012) - Five of eight mosquito samples collected from the City of Monrovia tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) yesterday. A total of 277 mosquitoes were collected in traps placed in underground stormwater conveyance structures located in the City. Vector Control officials have recently intensified surveillance and control efforts in the foothill communities in response to additional reports of WNV infected dead birds. A map showing the area of concern can be viewed at www.sgvmosquito.org.

To date, a total of 9 WNV infected birds have been collected within the District's service area from the cities of Alhambra (1); Claremont (1); Industry (1); Monrovia (1); San Dimas (1); San Gabriel (2); Sierra Madre (2).

Residents should take immediate precautions against mosquito bites by using repellents if outdoors between dusk and dawn and ensuring windows and doors are properly screened to keep mosquitoes outside.

Underground water conveyance pipes provide ideal conditions for both resting mosquitoes and developing larvae. During the summer months, neighborhood runoff travels via gutters into underground pipes and pools behind leaf litter and debris that collects there. Preventing runoff from properties will help minimize underground mosquito reproduction.

West Nile virus activity is at record levels in the United States this year. In California, 34 people have been diagnosed with WNV infection compared to just 19 at the same time last year. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health reports 5 cases of WNV in County residents.

Warmer temperatures provide ideal conditions for WNV amplification and transmission. Mosquitoes pick up WNV from infected birds and spread it to other birds when they bite again. People can also get WNV if bitten by infected mosquitoes.

It is critical that residents survey their property and remove all standing water to prevent mosquito reproduction. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in stagnant water sources such as neglected pools, buckets, misc. containers, puddles, and ponds. Eggs can hatch and mature to biting adults in 5-7 days.

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Duarte implements changes in procedures for reporting and removal of graffiti

Maintaining a graffiti-free city has always been a point of pride for Duarte. Keeping Duarte clean of graffiti remains a priority for the City as it is for residents.

As one of many cost savings measures adopted by the City for fiscal year 2012-2013, the annual graffiti removal contract was reduced from \$48,000 to \$25,000, which necessitated some changes in the procedure in which graffiti problems are reported and addressed.

Graffiti removal service is now provided on an as needed basis rather than the previous process where the contracted graffiti removal service provided regular patrols to identify and remove graffiti. Instead of seven days a week and after-hour service, graffiti removal is now conducted Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

To streamline graffiti removal service, the public can now report graffiti via e-mail at reportgraffiti@accessduarte.com, by telephone to Field Services at (626) 357-7931, Public Safety at (626) 357-7938, or online at www.accessduarte.com under Public Safety - Graffiti. Include the specific address or location of the graffiti, a description of the graffiti, and the name and phone number of the person making the request.

Duarte Field Services processes requests for graffiti removal only on public property, including traffic signs, bus and park benches, and City buildings. The Public Safety office will continue to address graffiti removal on private property. It remains the responsibility of the private property owner to remove graffiti from their property. To report graffiti within the Los Angeles County jurisdiction, call (800) 675-4357.

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WNV in California. West Nile virus is present and a risk to public health every year.

Throughout the summer, basic protective measures should be followed:

- AVOID Over-watering, and prevent litter, leaves and debris from entering the gutters and streets
- DRAIN: Check properties weekly and remove all sources of standing water. Report 'green' inoperable pools or other sources of standing water to the District

• DAWN AND DUSK: Wear effective repellents if outdoors when mosquitoes are present (between dusk and dawn)

• DEFEND: Ensure doors and windows are properly screened

The District encourages the public to help identify WNV "hot spots" by reporting dead birds to the WNV Hotline at (877) WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473) or online at www.westnile.ca.gov. We also urge our residents to call the District to report any mosquito activity.

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Robert Stone Named City of Hope President

Robert Stone, J.D., president and executive officer of City of Hope Medical Foundation and chief strategy and administrative officer of City of Hope, has been promoted to president of City of Hope. Stone will assume the duties of this position on Aug. 1, 2012.

"Robert Stone's leadership will continue to benefit City of Hope in this highly competitive and ever-shifting landscape of health-care delivery and research funding," said Michael A. Friedman, M.D., chief executive officer of City of Hope, director, comprehensive cancer center and Irell & Manella Cancer Center Director's Distinguished Chair. "Robert has been instrumental in preparing City of Hope for its future – with a proud history of achievements in compassionate patient care and medical research – as we work together to transform the future of health."

As president, Stone will report to Friedman in the City of Hope Office of the Chief Executive and will be responsible for executing City of Hope's strategy, driving business development and optimizing operations. He will oversee all operational, financial, human capital and strategic functions. Friedman served as both president and CEO since 2003, and will continue in his CEO and cancer center director duties.

"City of Hope's most significant asset is the compassion, talent and expertise of our people, working together toward common goals," said Stone. "We are in a period of significant transition in health-care delivery and research and on the brink of an exciting period in the history of City of Hope. I am confident that we will deliver on the promise of our 100-year legacy and the potential of our future."

Friedman will focus on leading City of Hope's scientific direction and the comprehensive cancer center while also ensuring the success of the institution's historically strong philanthropic programs.

Under his leadership, the scientific pipeline of discovery leading to new treatments for patients has increased substantially, and philanthropy has reached historic levels in providing critical support to City of Hope's mission.

Stone was the initial president and executive officer of the City of Hope Medical Foundation, an entity launched in June 2011 to increase collaboration between physicians and staff and enable more coordinated care for patients. In this role, Stone worked with the foundation board to plan, design and implement the foundation strategy. He was also responsible for the day-to-day management of the foundation, including overseeing the foundation-operated clinics; the management services staff in the foundation; and managed care contracting for City of Hope.

As chief strategy and administrative officer, Stone oversaw strategic planning and strategy management for City of Hope. He recently led the creation and development of the organization's 10-year strategic plan.

Stone joined City of Hope in 1996 as associate general counsel and was promoted to general counsel for the medical



ROBERT STONE, J.D.
New President of City of Hope

center in 2000. In 2003, he was named City of Hope's general counsel and corporate secretary.

He was named City of Hope's chief strategy and administrative officer in 2009.

Prior to coming to City of Hope, Stone was a practicing attorney at the firms of Christa & Jackson and Hanna and Morton. He earned his law degree at the University of Chicago Law School.

City of Hope is a leading research, treatment and education center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Designated as a comprehensive cancer center, the highest honor bestowed by the National Cancer Institute, and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, City of Hope's research and treatment protocols advance care throughout the nation. The City of Hope hospital is ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" in cancer by U.S. News & World Report.

For more information, visit www.cityofhope.org

Duarte Chamber Upcoming Networking Events

September 18 7 am-8:30 am
NETWORK BREAKFAST AT CUISINE ON THE GREEN RESTAURANT (in Rancho Duarte Golf Course)
1000 Las Lomas Rd., Duarte
Meets Third Tuesday of the month, will not meet in December.

September 20 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
MEGA NETWORKING MIXER AT INLAND COMMUNITY BANK
1801 Huntington Dr., Duarte
"A salute to the Route 66 Parade" Businesses interact with neighboring Chambers and local businesses! Open to anyone interested in networking their business and making new contacts.

September 25 12 pm-1 pm
LADIES BROWN BAG NETWORK LUNCH AT MARYVALE FAMILY RESOURCE & EARLY EDUCATION CENTER
2502 Huntington Dr., Duarte
Meets last Tuesday of the month.

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State's Abolishment of Redevelopment Stalls Duarte's Northwest Corner of Huntington Dr. and Buena Vista St.

Since January 2011 when Governor Jerry Brown first announced his plan to dissolve redevelopment agencies and the June 2011 enactment of Assembly Bill x126, made it official, the

ability to sell Redevelopment Agency-owned property has been stymied by uncertainty by developers, lenders, even major title insurance companies.

The City of Duarte, along with more than 400 other redevelopment successor agencies in the state have been ordered to liquidate Redevelopment Agency-owned property and hand the proceeds over to the State. But a host of newly imposed legislative requirements and procedures under Assembly Bill 1484 which went into effect June 27, 2012 have further complicated the process.

A proposed development in the works since late 2011 to build a Five Guys Burgers and Fries on former Duarte Redevelopment Agency-owned property on the northwest corner of Huntington Dr. and Buena Vista St. is one such example. The deal has been stalled and could be delayed a year or longer because AB 1484 effectively prevents the City, as the successor agency from selling the property until it has complied with a lengthy and complex battery of requirements and procedures.

AB 1484 requires the City to first engage a CPA firm approved by the County auditor-controller to conduct a due diligence audit. Once the audit is completed, it must then go to the Oversight Board for approval. The Oversight Board-approved audit must be filed with the State of California Department of Finance by mid-January 2013.

Based on audit approval by the Department of Finance, the County auditor-controller will determine further amounts to be paid by the successor agency to the auditor-controller for distribution to the various taxing agencies. Once that process is completed the successor agency then must apply for and obtain a "finding of completion" from the Department of Finance.

When the finding of completion is reviewed and approved, the successor agency can then submit a "property management plan" to the Oversight Board for approval that identifies all the properties of the former redevelopment agency and outlines the plan for disposing of each property. If approved, the property management plan is then submitted to the Department of Finance for its approval. If approved by the Department of Finance, the successor agency can sell the property in accordance with the plan but only after a further hearing and approval by the Oversight Board. The Department of Finance also has the authority to reject the property management plan if it believes the proposed disposition does not maximize the value that can be obtained from the sale of the property. So the City may go through all the required steps and still not obtain

approval to sell the site for the intended use.

While all this presents great risk to a developer because they have no guarantee the property can be sold, as of now, the developer remains committed to the project and has recently provided the City with an updated site plan for the northwest corner of Huntington Dr. and Buena Vista St., as well as an updated letter of intent by Five Guys Burgers and Fries, and has conveyed the interest of three possible equity partners to fund the project.

City Manager's Update

The City Manager's update is a news source designed to update the Council, staff and community on the various issues that Departments are working on in addition to the status of items raised by the City Council during regular meetings. Note: Information included in this report is only "new" and/or "updated" and as a result it does not repeat the background information that was given in previous reports.

Editor's Note: This is an excerpt of the City Manager's Update. For the copy of the full update please contact Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

AB 1484 Local Impact – Assembly Bill 1484 effective June 27, 2012 amended ABx1 26, and added a host of new requirements that effectively prevent any City in the State, acting as a successor agency, from selling previously held Agency properties until compliance. First, the City is required to engage a CPA firm approved by the County Auditor-Controller to conduct an audit. Once the CPA firm completes the work, the audit has to go to the Oversight Board for approval and be filed with the State of California Department of Finance by mid-January 2013. The audit then has to be reviewed and approved by the Department of Finance. Next, the County Auditor-Controller has to determine further amounts to be paid by the Successor Agency for distribution to the various taxing agencies. The Successor Agency then has to apply for and obtain a "finding of completion" from the Department of Finance. Once the finding is approved by the Department of Finance, the Successor Agency can then submit a "Property Management Plan" to the Oversight Board for approval. The Plan is required to both identify and outline disposal of the properties of the former Redevelopment Agency. If approved by the Oversight Board, the Plan is then submitted to the Department of Finance for its approval. Once approved by both the Department of Finance and a further hearing by the Oversight Board, the Successor Agency can then legally dispose of the properties. Thus, the time associated with selling and/or putting together an Economic Development deal on a former piece of Redevelopment Agency owned property has been lengthened by at least six months to one year.

Business Friendly Award Competition -For the third consecutive year, the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) has selected the City of Duarte as one of five finalists for the Most Business-Friendly City in Los Angeles County award in the category of cities with a population of 60,000 and under. The winning city will be announced at the 17th annual Eddy Awards on Nov. 8 at the Beverly Hilton.

Multi-Family Recycling Roll Out -Beginning in July, residents of many of Duarte's 62 multi-family dwellings have begun recycling. The Duarte City Council voted unanimously in April to approve implementation of a three-month roll-out plan by Burrtec Waste Services to all eligible 5-unit and larger multi-family dwellings in the City. To date, 60 buildings have been contacted, 36 are recycling, eight are committed to an upcoming roll out date and 16 have not committed.

Budget Strategy – Due to the 4-1 vote (State Law required unanimous) on the resolution declaring a emergency, the City Council was unable to put a revenue measure on the upcoming November ballot for Duarte voters to consider. Based on this scenario, staff wants to again, work with the Council on a proactive approach to the ongoing structural budget deficiency. In light of this, staff is discussing with the Council a three pronged approach consisting of immediately reviewing the proposed "Trigger Cuts;" conducting a Finance Workshop in September with an emphasis on the cash flow impacts of the ongoing structural deficit; and moving the mid-year budget workshop up to October to begin looking at the projected deficit early and conducting a thorough discussion of its impact on programs and services throughout the community.

Joint DUSD/City Meeting – The annual joint meeting of the Duarte City Council and Unified School District is set for August 23rd at 5:30 pm in the Community Center. Topics of discussion will be:

- 1) Public Safety Update
- 2) Royal Oaks School Circulation
- 3) Shared City/District Resources Presentation
- 4) Check Presentation by USGVMWD of \$100,000 to DUSD
- 5) Optimization of athletic fields for baseball, soccer, etc.

Prior to the Meeting at 5:00 pm, the City will conduct its annual anniversary reception this year celebrating 55 years of incorporation.

Grant Writing Program Roll-out – Next week, staff will be meeting with the Arroyo Strategy Group who is now under contract with the City to provide grant writing, research and administration services. As Council will recall, the no retainer contract only provides the firm compensation based on the size of the grant awarded, and is only realized if a grant is awarded. The meeting intent is to assist staff in understanding of the firm's services as well as help the Consultant identify the City's grant area needs.

Five Guys Development Update – Due to the recent adoption of the previously referred to AB 1484, the proposed Five Guys Restaurant Deal poised for development at the NW corner of Huntington Drive and Buena Vista has been delayed another six to twelve months due to compliance with the law's various new requirements and procedures. However, Hopkins Real Estate Group continues to show interest in completing the

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project. Most recently, they provided the City with the names of three potential financial backers, an updated Letter of Intent and a revised site plan.

Supervisor Antonovich Grant Award – Supervisor Antonovich has agreed to pledge \$1,000 in financial assistance funds to the City of Duarte in order to facilitate the purchase of a mobile handicapped ramp to be used as needed at various public events.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Finance Division

Local Banking – The City’s local banker, Inland Community Bank (ICB), notified the City that it will merge with AmericanWest Bank, creating a larger collective presence.

ICB anticipates finalizing the merger early in the 4th quarter of this year. All 5 existing ICB branches will remain open, adding to the 74 full service AmericanWest Branches serving Washington, Idaho, Utah and California. We do not anticipate any changes in local staff or service levels. We do anticipate cosmetic changes, but not significant relationship changes. Further information is available from, Kathy May, Inland Community Bank, at (626) 357-9611.

Business License Activity – The table below shows a total of 204 business licenses (14 new and 190 renewed) processed during the months of May and June 2012.

New License	May 2012	June 2012
Fixed Location	1	4
Home Occupation		0
Rental Complex		0
Other Businesses		0
Outside Service	1	1
Contractors	6	1
Total New	8	6

Renewed License	May 2012	June 2012
Fixed Location	24	23
Home Occupation	10	15
Rental Complex	6	3
Other Businesses	4	4
Outside Service	17	23
Contractors	27	34
Total Renewed	88	102

The new fixed location businesses in May are:

- ABA Above and Beyond Art, 2165 Huntington Drive (Clothing and Art)

The new fixed location businesses in June are:

- A-Farsighted Equipment, 1818 Flower Ave. (Equipment Leasing and Storage)
- Farsighted Transport, LLC, 1830 Flower Ave. (Transportation)
- Envirogreen Windows and Doors, Inc., 1855 Flower Ave. (Retail and Storage)
- Value Wholesaler, 1855 Flower Street (Wholesale/Storage/Warehouse)

Six entities purchased business licenses for construction activity within the city limits in May and one in June.

Oversight Committee – The second meeting of the Oversight Committee was held on August 6, 2012. The Successor Agency staff presented the Recognized Obligations Schedule for submittal to the State Department of Finance by September 1, 2012. The next distribution of monies to the Successor Agency is scheduled for January 1, 2013 for estimated expenses January 1 – June 30, 2013.

Successor Agency – The first Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) payment was received on June 1, 2012 and was much less than needed to pay all amounts on the ROPS. Then AB1484 was adopted as a budget trailer bill and in it the State requested a return of taxes received in November, December and January as part of a residual distribution of other taxing entities, further hampering the SA’s ability to fund obligations on the ROPS. In addition, AB1484 added several new reports that must be implemented within the next few months. First, staff must submit to the Department of Finance (DOF) by August 1, 2012, a list of housing assets held by the Housing Successor with an explanation of how each asset meets the legal criteria. Next, AB 1484 now requires that the Successor Agency hire an independent auditor to conduct a “due diligence” review of the Low and Moderate Income Housing balances. This review must then be submitted to the Oversight Board, the County Auditor Controller, the DOF and the State Controller by October 1, 2012.

Annual Audit – The City’s independent auditors, Lance, Soll and Lunghard, LLP will be here the week of October 22, 2012 for their annual review of our financial records.

Telephone System Maintenance – The City is in the process of changing vendors for the support of the telephone system for all City locations and performing

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Senior Center Activities

The Senior Center is open to all residents 55 years and older Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call (626) 357-3513.

SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES

Hot Lunches

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. Space is very limited. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513. The suggested donation is \$2.

Access Transportation

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

Meals On Wheels

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 357-3513 or YWCA Intervale at (626) 214-9465.

How To Make Medicare Work For You

Every 2nd Thursday and 4th Friday of the month by appointment. Fee: FREE!

Free Blood Pressure Checks

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

ONGOING FREE CLASSES

Ceramics – Tuesdays, 9 – 11:30 a.m. Students must purchase their own supplies.

New Instructor! English As A Second Language – Wednesdays, 9 – 10 a.m. Instructor is Shannon Elliot.

Guitar – Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

Knitting – Mondays, 9-10 a.m.

Race Walk – Wednesdays, 9 a.m.

Sewing – Mondays, 12:30 – 2 p.m. Limited to the first 6 people to arrive. \$2 per class.

Spanish (Beginning) – Mondays & Wednesdays, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Tai Chi – Fridays, 9-10 a.m.

Watercolor – Mondays, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Students must purchase their own supplies.

CLASSES

Registration began June 11 and classes began the week of June 25.

Art Appreciation – Fridays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. \$40 per 10-week session

New! Cardio Dance – Tuesdays, 90 – 10 a.m. \$12 per 10-week session

Chair Yoga – Mondays, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. \$24 per 8-week session

Cross Fit – Wednesdays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. \$12 per 10-week session

Exercise With Shelly – Mondays & Fridays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. \$20 per 10-week session

Get Fit – Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Class combines Cross Fit and Exercise with Shelly. \$27 per 10-week session

How To Write Your Own Life’s Story – Mondays, 9 – 10:45 a.m. \$40 per 10-week session

Music Appreciation – Fridays, 11:30am – 2 p.m. \$40 per 10-week session

Piano/Keyboard – Thursdays, 10 – 11 a.m. \$50 per 10-week session

Strength Training Program – Mondays and Thursdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 – 2 p.m. Held at the Duarte Fitness Center. \$70 per 10-week session

Western Line Dance

Beginning – Thursdays, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. \$35 per 10-week session

Intermediate – Fridays, 12:30 – 2 p.m. \$40 per 10-week session

Yoga – Thursdays, 9 – 10 a.m. \$24 per 8-week session.

ACTIVITIES

Bingo – Tuesday, 12:30 – 2 p.m. 25 cents per card

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

Movies – Two afternoons a month a top run movie is featured. **FREE!**



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Life on Route 66

Duarte residents Alan and Claudia Heller made a life-changing decision in 2010, the year of their 66th birthdays: retiring from their professional jobs, they bought a small trailer and set out to rediscover the celebrated nostalgia along Route 66. Traveling from the Santa Monica Pier to Chicago, the Hellers wrote articles for a local paper and took photos along the way, documenting their experiences.

Alan, who serves as president of Duarte's Public Access Channel (DCTV), and Claudia, president of the Duarte Historical Society, moved to Duarte in 1980. Their book, published by History Press, has recently been released and is entitled "Life on Route 66, personal accounts along the Mother Road to California."

"I was writing articles on Route 66 and immediately readers began contacting me with their memories and experiences on the Road. Some even provided us with journals and photos they had inherited from family members. Their poignant recollections make this book more than a guide book," says Claudia.

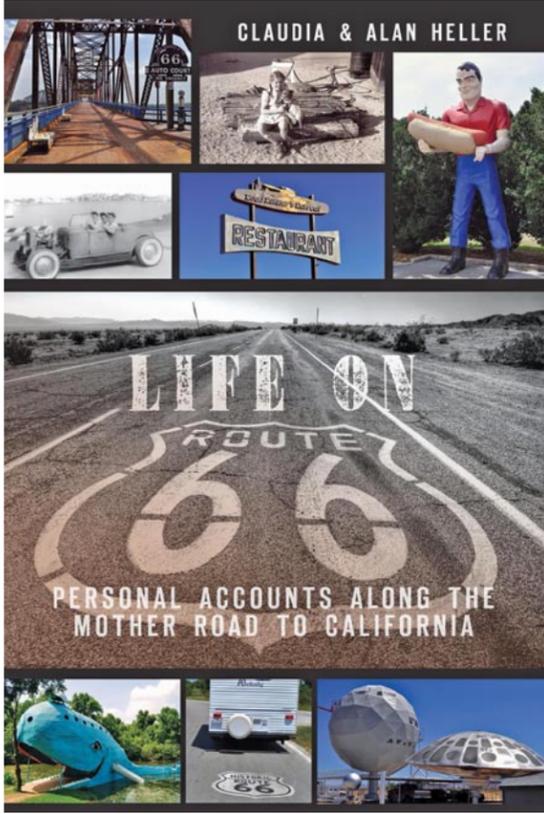
A professional photographer, Alan constantly took photos on their trip, and many times they have returned to historical spots along California's section of the Road to add to the collection. The couple documented their adventure including a few "off road" detours such as the UFO Convention in Roswell, New Mexico and touring the Missouri home of Laura Ingalls Wilder where she authored the Little House on the Prairie series.

"We especially enjoyed the creative roadside attractions which sprung up in the heyday of Route 66. They are an example of American ingenuity. "These pieces of outrageous art along with

refurbished gas stations, persevering diners and neon-clad motels make for joyous stops along the road," according to Claudia. "And they beg to be photographed," adds Alan.

Promoting their book, the Hellers will give a power point presentation at a book signing at Vromans Book Store, 695 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, on August 21. They will repeat the program on October 4, 7 p.m. at the Monrovia Library, 321 South Myrtle, Monrovia, sponsored by the Monrovia Old Home Preservation Group.

The book is available at book stores, on line, and electronically. To purchase a signed copy, mail a check payable to Claudia Heller in the amount of \$23, which covers postage and handling, to Post Office Box 1251, Duarte, CA 91009.



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an extensive audit of the services provided by the various vendors. We anticipate cost reductions without impacting services. We do anticipate removing the pay telephones at the Senior Center and Teen Center, but offering visitors the use of a phone for local calls.

Printer/Copier Analysis – Staff is in the process of reviewing all the copiers in the City to determine if changes are needed in either service levels, and/or machines. This review will be taking place over the next few months and any needed changes will occur after that. We do anticipate some cost savings, without sacrificing quality of service.

2012-13 Budget – As you know the 2012-13 Budget was presented to City Council and adopted (with modifications) at the June 12, 2012 meeting. Budget books have been created and are available from the Administrative Services Department. An electronic copy has been placed on the City Website at www.accessduarte.com under "City Departments > Administrative Services > Finance > City Budget."

NTD Grant Reporting – The City prepared and submitted the required documents for the NTD Grant. These monies provide additional funding for Duarte Transit operations. Funds from this application are anticipated to arrive in 2013-14.

Human Resources Division

Part Time New Hires – One new Public Safety part time intern was hired.

Recruitments – We are currently interviewing candidates for part time custodian and AmeriCorps Promise Fellow positions. Application deadlines for both positions are closed. We are currently recruiting for part time bus drivers and applications for this position are open until the position is filled.

Emergency Management Training – As mentioned during the presentation of the new Emergency/Evacuation Plan, all full time staff will be attending emergency training during the month of August. Each staff person will attend 2 full days of training to be held at the Duarte Teen Center in order to complete 4 courses that cover the Incident Command System (ICS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Once completed, every full time City employee will have all of the baseline training for emergency management. Other more specialized training will be scheduled for Department Heads and specialized positions later in the year. Public Safety will also begin to schedule emergency drills and exercises in September and October to compliment the ICS and NIMS training.

Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Training – Pursuant to State law, employees are required to attend Harassment and Discrimination training at least every two years. We will be hosting two JPIA training sessions for all of our employees at the Community Center on August 22 in order to comply with those requirements.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning

Sierra Fiat of Duarte – Fiat obtained permits for a major facade remodel and new wall signs. They have also submitted a conceptual design for a new freeway pylon.

Target (Mountain Vista Plaza) Freeway Sign – Construction of the Target/Mountain Vista Plaza pylon sign is expected to begin in the next several months. The 87' tall sign will marquee the center's anchor tenant, Target, and include six additional tenant sign panels. The existing 55' pylon included three signs and was one of Duarte's first freeway signs built in 1985.

Ridgecrest Estates/Attalla Ranch – The developer has made an application for design review for the remaining nine lots within the subdivision and the project came before the ARB in August.

Field Services and Planning Divisions continue to work with the developer to complete the landscaped areas. Weed pre-emergent has been applied, irrigation systems have been completed and plants have been installed. The City is waiting on the developer to perform additional weed abatement, fire clearance for hillside areas and a request for final inspections.

GE Aviation – GE Aviation has proposed the installation of high-security turnstiles at their facility on Business Center Drive. The turnstiles encroach into the existing driveways and parking areas and impact the design of the parking lot proposed by the Gold Line Authority. Staff and the applicant are currently working on circulation plans to address these concerns.

Andres Duarte Terrace II 1660-1700 Huntington – The Andres Duarte Terrace senior apartments began the process for the expansion onto the vacant property at the southeast corner of Huntington Drive and Pops road (adjacent to Andres Duarte Terrace I). The Architectural Review Board reviewed the project at its meeting on July 23, 2012 and continued to allow the Architect to make several minor design changes. When the project receives ARB approval, it will be scheduled for Planning Commission action. The project consists of a new 43-unit senior apartment building and will help the City reach their affordable housing goals.

Magellan Storage 1727 Buena Vista – Magellan, a regional self-storage company, is proposing a facility at 1727 Buena Vista Street (former Rose Float building). The project will include major exterior and interior improvements to the existing building and the construction of a new storage building. The project will require review and approval from the Architectural Review Board and Planning Commission. Conceptual plans have been reviewed by Community Development Department and it is anticipated that a formal application will be submitted in the near future.

El Salvadoreno Restaurant 1313 Huntington – The business owner has submitted plans into plan check for the restaurant expansion into an adjacent vacant space, located at 1313 Huntington Drive (Big Lots Center). The project proposal will include a new tenant improvement, ADA upgrades, minor facade improvements, and a new trash enclosure.

Pho Time Restaurant 1362 Huntington – The tenant improvement has been approved and all permits have been issued. The new restaurant business will begin construction to occupy the former meat market space in the Mike's Food shopping center. The project will include interior improvements, ADA upgrades and a new trash enclosure in the rear.

Carl's Jr. 1302 Huntington – Carl's Jr. has recently begun interior and exterior improvements to the restaurant. Interior improvements include new flooring, tabletops and chairs for ADA upgrades, and new counter finishes. The exterior improvements include new color scheme, and all new signage. They will also be installing new landscaping and addressing various property maintenance issues.

Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Update – Foothill Transit Constructors (FTC) -the company constructing the Gold Line Foothill Extension, Phase 2A, started distributing construction plans for the light rail line in February of this year. Each plan covers a particular construction activity (e.g. utilities, drainage, station area, traffic, etc.) at a 60%, 85% and final 100% design level. Staff is currently reviewing the 85% station plans, the 100% utilities plans and the pre-60% wall plans.

Staff has met with the City of Hope and DUSD to coordinate construction activities and schedules. All three entities continue to work with FTC and the Goldline Authority to resolve construction scheduling concerns and detour/traffic issues.

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Black History Display debuts at Duarte Historical Museum

Honoring contributions of black pioneers from Duarte and Monrovia and featuring photos and articles from the pivotal civil rights years, the Duarte Historical Museum is featuring a Black History display through September.

Compiled by the Monrovia-Duarte Black Alumni Association and the Duarte Museum, the display honors many past residents including Don Watson, the first



DON WATSON (left), first black mayor of the San Gabriel Valley and Duarte, and Lois Gaston, first black female mayor of Duarte.



black mayor of Duarte and in the San Gabriel Valley, and Lois Gaston, the first black female mayor of Duarte. Photos and articles on Duarte and Monrovia schools and businesses are also featured.

The museum, located in Encanto Park, Duarte is open on Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. Admission is free. The public is invited to add to the display any pertinent historical items by calling Eloise Hart, president, MDBAA, at (626) 529-5671.

A grand opening event will be held at the museum on Sat., Sept. 15, 3-6 p.m. and the public is invited.



Dominique Rogers Wins Silver Medal at NAACP's ACT-SO Finals in Houston

Dominique Rogers, of Duarte was awarded a Silver Medal at the national finals of the (ACT-SO) Afro Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics for African-American Youth competition held July 5-8 in conjunction with the NAACP's 103rd convention in Houston, Texas.

Rogers won her medal in the Humanities category, Original Essay section of the competition. She was also awarded a new I-Pad



DOMINIQUE ROGERS

a check for \$1,500.

More than 9,000 students from 30 states competed in 110 local NAACP ACT-SO competitions. Of those, 550 local Gold medalists advanced to compete in the national finals.

"I feel blessed beyond measure because I am part of something beautiful. I know God is smiling down on me right now because I have truly put my heart into something," said Rogers.

Rogers, who was born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands moved with her parents to Duarte when she was in the second grade. She attended Royal Oaks, Northview Intermediate, and graduated last month from Duarte High School.

She will enter Cal State Fullerton in the fall and is a member of the Duarte Mayor's Youth Council.

Last April, Rogers was one of four Duarte students to win Gold medals in the local ACT-SO competition sponsored by the Pasadena branch of the NAACP.

Phillip Glover, Abryanna Howard, and Tylen Kelly also traveled to Houston to compete in the national finals.

In addition, the Duarte contingent included seven other Duarte youths who went along to learn about the NAACP Youth Council program with the goal of starting a branch of the Youth Program at the Duarte Teen Center.

This was only the second year that the Pasadena branch of the NAACP has competed in ACT-SO, both times with in-kind and co-sponsorship support from the City of Duarte. Southern California Edison was the primary financial sponsor.

Duarte Teen Center Director Marilyn Mays chaired the Pasadena branch competition with co-chairs Duarte Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera, Duarte Public Safety Crime Prevention Specialist Aida Torres and former Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston.

The NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. ACT-SO includes 26 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, business, and performing and visual arts. More than 260,000 young people have participated from the program since its inception.

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