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## Dr. Rahul Jandial Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension

### to lead Route 66 Parade Sept. 28

**18th Annual Parade to celebrate City of Hope's 100th Anniversary**

This year, the theme of the Salute to Route 66 Parade is "Gateway to Hope," to celebrate City of Hope's 100th anniversary. Dr. Rahul Jandial will lead the festivities as the parade's Grand Marshal.



DR. RAHUL JANDIAL

Dr. Jandial, M.D., Ph.D. is a neurosurgeon & scientist who is also KTLA's Morning News health expert. As part of his dedication to patients, Dr. Jandial is intensively working on pioneering new operations and therapies at City of Hope Cancer Center. He is also active in the service of the larger community through his teaching (Professor at USC) and international humanitarian efforts.

"We are proud and honored that Dr. Jandial has accepted our invitation to be Grand Marshal", said K.C. Caracci, chair of the all-volunteer Route 66 Parade Committee.

This year will also feature "Community Grand Marshal" Claudia and Alan Heller renowned Route 66 authors and historians. The parade will be filled with marching bands, a cavalcade of classic cars, floats, equestrians, schools and community and faith based organizations.

The parade will step off at 10:00 a.m. on the historic Route 66 on Huntington Drive, from Cotter Street to Mt. Olive Avenue.

Immediately following the parade, festivities will move to Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive in Duarte. From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the community at large is invited to attend the Classic Car Show and the annual Duarte City Picnic. The picnic will feature music from a live band, food, crafts and game booths.

Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade is presented with the support of the City of Duarte which provides logistics and public safety for the event.

Funding for the parade is provided by corporate sponsors, individual donations and various fundraising efforts. Major sponsors this year include, but not limited to: City of Hope, Southern California Edison, StorAmerica, Burrtec Waste, Sierra Autocars, Jan's Towing, Bowden Development, and Duarte Elk Lodge 1427.

The Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Azusa project is on schedule to be completed in Fall 2015, when it will be turned over to Metro for testing and pre-revenue service. Construction is now fully underway. Here is an update on Duarte-related construction:

Grade crossing improvements on Buena Vista Street at Duarte Road began in June, requiring a closure of Buena Vista Street and a lane closure on Duarte Road. In August, both streets will re-open to thru-traffic with occasional lane closures at the intersection through the month. Additionally, utility relocation will continue on Mountain Avenue at the railroad crossing from July through mid-October. The work is being done by utility companies, such as Cal-Am Water, So Cal Gas Co,

and Verizon Communications. Grade crossing improvements, which will include the realignment of Mountain Avenue across Duarte Road, are scheduled to begin in early 2014, requiring a full closure of Mountain Avenue.

Other work that may impact the Duarte community includes the extension of grade crossing work on California Avenue at the railroad corridor. California Avenue will remain closed just north of Duarte Road until mid-October.

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## Residents to celebrate National Night Out Against Crime Aug. 6 with Neighborhood Watch Block Parties

Imbibing in ice cream sodas, hot dogs and pie may not appear like an effective way of fighting crime but that's exactly what residents will be doing when they gather in neighborhoods throughout Duarte to celebrate the City's 30<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Hundreds of Duarte residents are expected to participate in the citywide "going away party" for crime at block parties, cookouts and ice cream sodas. Duarte will join citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities across the

nation in participating in National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. The crime, drug and violence prevention program is designed to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized against crime and fighting back.

Neighborhood Watch area coordinators and block captains, with the support of Duarte Public Safety and Duarte Sheriffs, are helping to coordinate the activities. Residents can contact the Public Safety Office to gather ideas, event flyers, and to schedule a Deputy to visit their block party. Duarte deputies, firefighters, and city officials will visit

each gathering to pass out emergency preparedness information, coloring books to kids, and other goodies provided by official local sponsor, Target.

One hard-working Duarte Neighborhood Watch area will be celebrating its block party in style as winners of a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Recruitment contest. The Duarte Public Safety Commission launched the competition among Block Captains earlier this year to help expand the Neighborhood Watch program. The Beardslee Neighborhood in Area 4 won a \$500 block party courtesy of Burrtec Waste Industries, the City's contracted waste hauler for recruiting the most new Neighborhood Watch captains.

"Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear because it fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between law enforcement and the communities they serve," said Duarte Public Safety Director, Brian Villalobos.

Residents are invited to bring donations of canned goods to the neighborhood gatherings. Members of the Duarte Community Service Council and Duarte Public Safety Department will stop by to collect the donations that will benefit the community's needy.

For more information on how to host a National Night Out gathering, contact the Duarte Public Safety Department, call Aida Torres at Duarte Public Safety (626) 359-5671, ext. 316, or visit [www.accessduarte.com/publicsafety](http://www.accessduarte.com/publicsafety).

## Duarte Unified accepting applications to fill Board of Education vacancy

Due to the resignation of Francisco Figueroa, Board Vice-President, the Duarte Unified School District currently has a vacancy on its board of trustees, for the remainder of the term which expires November 2015. At the Regular Board Meeting of July 25, 2013 the Governing Board announced the process to fill the vacancy by a provisional appointment from among qualified applicants.

The school district is requesting all those interested in serving on the school board to submit an application, which is available on the district website, [www.duarte](http://www.duarte).

[k12.ca.us](http://k12.ca.us), and at the District Office, 1620 Huntington Dr., Duarte.

To be eligible to apply for appointment to the Governing Board, an individual must be at least 18 years old, a resident of the Duarte Unified School District, a registered voter in the State of California, and not be disqualified from holding civil office by the constitution or any law of the State of California.

This appointee will hold office for the remainder of the term of office for this vacancy.

An employee of the Duarte Unified School District may

not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the Governing Board, unless he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment will automatically terminate upon being sworn into office.

Return completed applications to the Superintendent's Office, 1620 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010, or email to Mercedes Ruiz at [mruiz@duarte.k12.ca.us](mailto:mruiz@duarte.k12.ca.us), by the filing deadline of Friday, August 16, at 4 p.m. For additional information contact Mrs. Ruiz at (626) 599-5037.



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# Duarte Relay for Life

By Ara Vidal, Duarte High School Key Club President

Duarte High School Key Club participated in our city's Relay for Life on June 29 held at Northview Intermediate School. The start of the event was 9 in the morning and would last until 9 in the morning of the next day. For those of you who don't know what Relay for Life is, it is an event to help raise money for the American Cancer Society, an organization that helps fight cancer. Every year, cancer survivors and other supporters walk to support the fight for cancer. Even in blazing temperatures

that exceeded 100 degrees during the afternoon, many people still came out to walk and support. The event started at a fairly early time in the morning. Firstly, we signed up at the entrance to be able to be able to take part in the event. After, we headed to the entrance ceremony where numerous speakers initiated the beginning of our Relay for Life. Many people were walking around our middle school's field, some even running across the field. Fortunately, there were fans in different areas of the field that would help replenish the walkers and runners passing by.

The center of the field was filled with different booths that consisted of food, clothing, and other items. Some booths included food and drinks such as snow cones, strawberry lemonade, and our very own Kiwanis also had a booth that was selling hot dogs and other refreshing drinks. There was an awesome Zumba session that most of the adults did and they played some classic music. There was a Tae Kwon Do demonstration that our local Tae Kwon Do dojo performed. There were other live performances. Our Kiwanis not only sold food but they also held a small game that is similar to a bean bag toss. There was a booth full of art masterpieces and

a booth where you could have some teal (go seals!) extensions. There was also a drawing activity that we did that with a topic of "what's inside your heart" and different people wrote down their own thoughts onto a piece of paper with a heart on it and we hung up on close to a fence. Food trucks such as "The White Rabbit," a Filipino food based food truck, came along during the Relay for Life as well. We just explored around the field looking around different booths and we

helped Kiwanis when they needed our help too.

Although, all those seem extremely fun and all, the most spectacular part of the Relay for Life will always definitely be Luminaria Ceremony in which the supporters line up paper bags with an artificial candle inside and spread across the field to commemorate those who have battled hard with cancer whether or not they survived. It's truly an amazing sight to see and it brings everyone together by one purpose.



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# Citrus College Superintendent/ President named 27th Congressional District Educator of the Year

U.S. Representative Judy Chu of the 27th Congressional District has selected Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College, as Educator of the Year.

Dr. Perri received the award at Congresswoman Chu's fourth annual DiverCities celebration, an event honoring the people, organizations, and businesses that foster and support cultural diversity in the cities and communities of the 27th District.

"I am grateful to Congresswoman Chu for selecting me to receive this exceptional DiverCities award," said Dr. Perri. "It is truly a privilege to be included among these outstanding community leaders who have dedicated their careers and their lives to serving others."

"DiverCities is a very special occasion to recognize the diverse leadership and volunteerism in the cities that make up the 27th District," stated Congresswoman Chu. "This event provides an opportunity to honor some of the outstanding and diverse businesses, volunteers and non-profit organizations in the San Gabriel Valley."

Under Dr. Perri's leadership, which began in 2008, Citrus College has witnessed the highest number of graduates in its 98-year history. The college has been recognized nationally in *Community College Week's* annual "Top 100



DR. GERALDINE M. PERRI

Associate Degree Producers" and *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education's* "Top 50 Community Colleges" for awarding degrees. In addition, Dr. Perri led the college in its successful reaffirmation of accreditation.

"All the awardees were carefully selected from nominations that were submitted by members of the community," Congresswoman Chu noted. "The selected groups and individuals received this honor because of the amazing work they have done in their field as well as their dedication to the community and the San Gabriel Valley as a whole."

Dr. Perri has worked in higher education her entire pro-

fessional career. She has previously served as president of Cuyamaca College in San Diego, vice president of instruction at San Diego Mesa College, and dean at Mt. San Jacinto College in Riverside County.

Dr. Perri began her career as a faculty member and later served as associate dean of academic affairs at her alma mater, Hostos Community College, City University of New York, where she earned an associate degree in dental hygiene.

She has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in health education from New York University, a master's degree in organizational development, and a doctorate in human and organizational development from the Fielding Graduate University.

"The Board of Trustees was very happy to learn of Dr. Perri's honor from Congresswoman Chu," said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Dr. Perri is a tireless advocate for higher education and student success. We are very proud of how the college has thrived under her leadership and can think of no better recipient for this prestigious honor."



PICTURED FROM LEFT back row – Tina Carey, Duarte Kiwanis President; Senior Samantha Agundez; Senior and Key Club President, Adrian Diaz; and Karen Herrera, Duarte Kiwanis Board Member. Front Row, Seniors Daritza Casteneda, Luis Aguilar, Sonia Puri, Anthony Galicia, and Henry Vindel.

## Duarte Kiwanis Club awards scholarships to DHS graduating seniors

It's always a joy to be able to support local students. In 2013, the Duarte Kiwanis Club was able to present seven scholarships (totaling \$2750) to seniors graduating from Duarte High School. The Club's Scholarship Committee reviewed over 50 essays outlining each student's participation in community service as well as their academic achievements, and their future goals and dreams. DHS Key Club President, Adrian Diaz, was asked by fellow Key Club members, "How do you feel?" In classic Key Club Fashion, Adrian thrilled the audience with his rendition of the Key Club Cheer "I feel good, oh I feel so good, I feel fine, all of the time, Ah Boogah, Ah Boogah, Ah Boogah Boogah, Boogah!" As you can imagine, the crowd erupted in cheers and laughter.

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.

## Adventure Club/Excursions

Looking for something adventurous to do this summer? The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two one-week sessions of fun and daily excursions. Adventure Club is available to teens and kids ages 8 through 17. It will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Royal Oaks Park. The price is only \$120 per session with lunch and all excursions included. Session I is August 12 through August 16, Session II is August 19 through August 23.

Each day will be highlighted by a trip to places such as the beach, museum, miniature golf, Knott's Berry Farm, Soak City and more!

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# San Gabriel Valley boasts deep roots

By Cynthia Kurtz, President & CEO, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

The San Gabriel Valley has deep roots. That is how Wayne Ratkovich, President of the Ratkovich Company and past chair of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, describes the region.

Mr. Ratkovich knows. He grew up in the San Gabriel Valley, graduated from UCLA and built his business in Southern California.

Many of us are transplants. We came from somewhere else and happily adopted the San Gabriel Valley as our home – including me.

We didn't take the eighth grade civic class that would have taught us about California and the role San Gabriel Valley played in making California a great state, so many of us don't know about the region's rich history.

The first mission in the Los Angeles region – the San Gabriel Mission – was in the San Gabriel Valley.

This was the region of orchards. The region where Los Angeles businesses expanded, turning it into a job producing major manufacturing center. You just cannot tell the history of California without talking about the San Gabriel Valley.

There are many famous people associated with the San Gabriel Valley – George Patton, Jackie Robinson, Mark McGuire, Julia Childs and Father Junipero Serra just to name a few.

If I stumped you on that last name you are probably not a native.

In all fairness Serra was actually not from the San Gabriel Valley, but he had a huge impact on the San Gabriel Valley and California.

Born in 1713 into a humble family in Spain, Serra was ordained as a Franciscan priest at the age of 16. He served as a professor of theology for six years. He turned to missionary work at the age of 24 - first in Mexico where he preached, heard confessions and helped at the Mexico City College of San Fernando.

In 1769 he became head of the missionaries in Baja California. He spent the rest of his life founding nine of the 21 California missions including the San Gabriel Mission. His work is not without controversy. Three hundred years later, his treatment of native Indians falls far short of the standard of human rights we defend today.

Beginning August 17, there is a great opportunity for natives and transplants alike to learn more about California history, the San Gabriel Valley and Father Junipero Serra when an exhibition about his life opens at the Huntington Library, Arts Collection and Botanical Gardens in San Marino. Paintings, books, artifacts, writings and prints will tell the story of this defining time in California history.

The exhibit is about the rich and complex history of Serra and the California Missions.

Wayne Ratkovich is right. The San Gabriel Valley has deep roots. It is authentic California. The Huntington exhibit is a great way to learn about our roots. Don't miss it.

# DUSD bids fond farewell to School Board Member Francisco Figueroa

At the regular board meeting held June 13, 2013, Francisco Figueroa announced he will be resigning from the School Board in order to fulfill the demands of his new appointment as the Latin America Sales Manager for United Airlines.

His new job includes overseeing projects based in Chicago, requiring Francisco to dramatically increase the amount of time spent away from the Duarte Unified learning community.

In his public statement, Francisco shared, "It is with mixed emotions that I submit my letter of resignation as Board Trustee to the Duarte Unified School District. As I reflect on my work journey as one of the five members of the Duarte Board, I can say with great satisfaction that we had significant accomplishments."

During his 17 years of dedicated service, Francisco helped to develop the district's technology, facilities, performing arts and instructional master plans.

He was an active advocate for parent involvement and school leadership activities, and played

a key role in the passage of two bonds for the district that equated to over \$100 million.

Francisco also served as Board President in 1998 and 2004.

"Frank was on the Board of Education when I came to Duarte in 1998," remarked Superintendent Terry Nichols. "His vision and insight have been instru-

mental in the ongoing success of Duarte Unified. His questions, his resolve and most of all his compassion for the kids of Duarte will be missed. We thank Frank for his long term commitment to

our district, and we wish him all the best."

Francisco's resignation will become effective in August 2013, but he has stated he will continue to be active in community affairs as Duarte will always be his true home.

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The Fitness Center also has a variety of cardiovascular equipment to choose from. Other Fitness Center activities include racquetball, wallyball, aerobic classes, and swimming.

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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 the Fitness Center will close for all major holidays. Call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118 for more information.

## Free Summer Lunch Program

The USDA, the Duarte Unified School District, and the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department are offering a free summer lunch program for children ages 18 years and under. There are no limits to the number of lunches served. Lunches are offered Monday through Friday at Beardslee Park from 12-1 p.m., Andres Duarte School from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and the Duarte Teen Center from 12-1 p.m. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.



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### AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASSES

The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be offering an AARP Driver Safety Class for persons 55 and older and there will be two different classes offered: 4-hour refresher course on Thursday, July 18 and November 7 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.; 8-hour class on Tuesday & Thursday, September 17 & 19, November 21 & 14 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The eight-hour class, split up in two four-

hour sessions, is a comprehensive classroom driver re-training course geared to the specific needs of older motorists. If you take the 8-hour course your attendance is required at both sessions. The cost is \$12 for members (AARP card required at registration) and \$14 for non-members. Reservations are required prior to class. For more information, please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

### FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

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Every Tuesday from 12:30–2 p.m. bingo is held. The fee is 25 cents per card. Call the Center at (626) 357-3513 for further information.

### BUNCO

The first Wednesday of every month from 12:45 - 2:45 p.m. The cost of an afternoon of fun is just \$1. Cash prizes sponsored by the Duarte Woman's Club. Please RSVP at the front desk.

### MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Join us once a month for a game of Mexican Train Dominoes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to find out when were playing, please RSVP at the front desk.

### MOVIES

Two afternoons a month a top run movie is featured FREE. Call (626) 357-3513 for dates, times and movies.

### BOOK CLUB

The Senior Center's Book Club promotes enjoyable reading and lively discussion. Please join them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. Call the Center to see what book they are reading this month.

### CLASSES

The Duarte Senior Center began taking registration for fee classes on June 10. Classes began the week of June 24. Registration for Fall classes will begin September 9.

*Fee classes include:* Aquatic Exercise, Art Appreciation, Cardio Dance, Chair Yoga & Meditation, Cross Fit, Exercise With

Shelly, Get Fit, How to Write Your Own Life Story, Music Appreciation, Piano/Keyboard, Sewing, Strength Training, Western Line Dance, Yoga.

*Free on-going classes include:* Ceramics, Guitar, Knitting, Spanish Level I, Spanish Level II, Tai Chi, Walking Group, and Watercolor. All classes are for adults 55 years and older. For more information, please contact the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

### TRIPS AND TOURS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for the following excursion: **Catalina Island Overnight Trip** from Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 a.m. until Wednesday, September 25, 9:45 p.m. for \$225 with meals on your own. Enjoy paradise 26 miles across the sea. The beauty of the Pacific and all it has to offer! (Please note your hotel room will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor with no elevator available.)

### Adult Extended Excursions

*San Antonio Holiday*  
5 Days Thursday, December 5 – Monday, December 9, 2013 \$1,749; Includes 7 meals (4 breakfasts and 3 dinners) Highlights include: Fiesta de Las Luminaries, Mission San Jose – The Alamo, Paseo del Rio Cruise – LBJ Ranch, Fredericksburg – Mayan Dude Ranch, El Mercado, South Texas Heritage Center, Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard.

*Yosemite & Sequoia*  
5 Days Sunday, May 11 – Thursday, May 15, 2014 \$999 per person \$250 deposit required Highlights include: Sugar Pine Railway – Yosemite, National Park – Sequoia National Park, Kings Canyon National Park.

*If you have any further questions on the Adult Extended Excursions, please contact Peggy Diamond at (626) 357-3513 or stop by the Duarte Senior Center.*

**NO REFUNDS:** In the event of a participant cancellation, an attempt will be made to fill the spot from the waiting list. If successful, the participant will receive a gift certificate equal to the amount of the trip minus a \$10 service charge. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover with purchases over \$25. For any further questions please call (626) 357-3513.



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## Dr. Nichols visits Friends of the Duarte Library

Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent of Duarte Unified School District (DUSD), recently visited the Friends of the Duarte Library (FDL) to inform them of the "Great Conversation" program within DUSD. His presentation illustrated DUSD'S commitment to student success by creating increased opportunities for the community to demonstrate their support by providing resources of time, service and mentorship. He conveyed it through these special connections with the people of Duarte that DUSD students will develop greater skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity as unified with Duarte's Master Plan.

Anyone who would like more information may call Dr. Nichols at (626) 599-5000.

# Duarte City Council remains on conservative course in passing \$17.2 million budget for 2013/2014

While encouraged by a slowly improving economy, the Duarte City Council has opted to remain on a conservative spending course for now. On June 11, the Council voted unanimously to approve a \$17.2 million operating budget and capital improvement program for fiscal year 2013/2014, a \$482,000 decrease from the 2012/2013 budget.

The main reason for the importance of continued prudence is the City's uncertainty over disposition of \$7.4 million in City loans to the former Redevelopment Agency that the City has been directed by the state to forfeit but is contesting. When the state abolished redevelopment agencies last year, the City was forced to pay out \$1.4 million from former redevelopment agency funds to Los Angeles County and \$9.4 million in former affordable housing funds which were distributed to taxing entities. Of the latter amount, L. A. County returned \$800,000 to the City.

Projections for total revenue and other resources received by the City and Housing Authority

during fiscal year 2013/2014 are estimated at \$16.5 million, lower by \$1.8 million from the 2012/2013 budget. The 2012/2013 budget assumed that the Housing Authority would receive \$1.8 million in affordable housing revenue due to the Master Financing and Grant Agreements with the former redevelopment agency but the request was denied by the State Department of Finance.

Total General Fund revenues are projected to increase by approximately \$281,000 in 2013/2014 to \$12.3 million. Sales tax revenues from better auto sales, general consumer goods, restaurants, business and industry are expected to lead the way with an increase of 7% percent or \$329,000 higher than the current fiscal year.

Total General Fund expenditures are projected to be \$12.5 million for 2013/2014, an increase of \$280,000 or 2.3% more than the 2012/2013 budget due to needed capital repairs and one time expenses such as the replacement and installation of a new Fitness Center pool filter system and updated IT servers and software in City Hall.

Salary and benefits are projected to represent approximately 39% of the City's General Fund expenditures. However, union negotiations are currently underway, so terms are still being negotiated.

The projected cost for the Sheriff's contract in 2013/2014 is \$2,926,000, which includes a 2.4% cost increase. Approximately \$150,000 of the Sheriff's contract amount will be funded by Supplemental Law Enforcement funds. The City was also awarded \$79,000 in CalGrip grant funds to offset the Sheriff's contract.

While over the past few years, the City has reduced its water consumption, the cost of water continues to increase and the revenues of the Lighting and Landscape District and the General Fund have not kept pace with the increases. In the past three years, the City's water costs have increased by 70% and are projected to increase by more than 29% in 2013/2014.

Duarte projects to end the current fiscal year with a reserve

of \$13.1 million. However, reserves could drop to \$5.7 million—45% of the City's operating budget — if the state is successful in confiscating \$7.4 million in loan repayments from the former redevelopment agency to the City.

## FDL receives LA County Library Foundation Grant

The Friends of the Duarte Library (FDL) was presented with a \$1,000 grant from the Los Angeles County Library Foundation as seed money for the 11th Annual Festival of Authors. The grant will allow the Festival Committee money to help create the event on October 5 at Westminster Gardens in Duarte.

The Festival of Authors welcomes people from the San Gabriel Valley and beyond to meet new authors. The authors write books of fiction and non-fiction for adults, teen agers and children.

Some of the authors are Duartean who have recently written books. These are people who are your friends and neighbors. It will give you an opportunity to meet them in a new venue and discuss and/or buy their recent books. While some are local authors others come as far away as Central California and the San Diego area.

Wherever they are from each has his or her individual story for you to enjoy. Many of the authors will participate in panels throughout the day.

Our headline author will be announced in September. This individual is always someone you know and may have read their books. In the past we have welcomed: Ray Bradbury, Lisa See, Father Boyle, T. Jefferson Parker and many others.

Keep Saturday, October 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Westminster Gardens, corner of Santo Domingo at Huntington Dr., open to drop by and visit with our authors. Entry is free and food is available at a moderate price.

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## Walking with the turtles

*Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent,  
Duarte Unified School District*

As many of you know, Catherine (my wife) and I are both superintendents. Catherine has been a superintendent for over eight years and I am in my fifth year. Once people realize this fact, without exception the next question or statement we hear is "how do you find the time for each other." The answer is we have to be deliberate and intentional with our planned spontaneity. When we spend time with each other we have to "walk the turtle." We slow down, pay attention and realize that there are times when "hectic is not an option."

It has been a very productive year thanks to the dedication and collaborative efforts of our faculty, staff, administration and parents, who work diligently to deliver a first class education that is engaging and adapted to the passions of our students. By incorporating high expectations and quality instruction, we are making record gains in student academic achievement.

Beardslee Elementary and Royal Oaks Elementary were recognized as California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll Schools for 2012. These schools stood well above the rest in getting students to grade level proficiency and beyond. Duarte High School was awarded the U.S. News & World Report Silver Medal as part of their 2013 Best High School rankings. Our R.O.P. Broadcast Team won the Gold Medal at the SkillsUSA State Competition and went on to represent the state of California at the National Leadership and Skills Conference. Our secondary student artists earned First Place Honors at the San Gabriel Valley District of Women's Clubs Art Contest, Northview's Debate and Math Teams took home trophies from regional tournaments, the DHS Choir performed at the Walt Disney Concert Hall, the DHS Band played on the world class stage at Meng Hall and our new Winter Guard team won several regional competitions. Andres Duarte won the Lakers' "Fit for Life" contest, and our athletic programs continue to excel in CIF.

District-wide, Duarte Unified continues to develop innovative academic programs designed to prepare students for higher education and 21st Century careers. Examples include our elementary level Astro-camp, Outdoor Science schools, excursions to Europe and Washington D. C., Early College partnership with Citrus, AVID program, City of Hope STEM collaboration, on-line learning opportunities, new high school level Mandarin classes, and development of the International Baccalaureate program at Maxwell.

As well, the Duarte Education Foundation launched the "Music Matters" campaign to bring music education to all of our schools. Music education will become an essential component of our "Shoulder-Tapped" Graduates' educational experience beginning this 2013-14 academic year.

Enjoy your summer and remember this, embrace your life and live it now! Take time this summer to "walk the turtle."



**DR. TERRY NICHOLS**



**OLIVIA ANNE LEWIS**, DHS Valedictorian and National Merit Scholar, she will be attending Rice University in this fall, studying Cognitive Sciences and has aspirations of being a research scientist. She maintained a GPA of 4.69 and was a member of Key Club, the Duarte Mayor's Youth Council, a City of Hope research assistant and played Varsity Girl's tennis. Olivia was awarded scholarships by Argent Capitol Group, received top honors in CSF and was a Golden State Seal Recipient.

**SONIA PURI**, DHS Salutatorian, will be attending the University of California, Los Angeles to study Biochemistry. She is excited about college and looks forward to all the new and exciting opportunities awaiting her. Sonia was a member of the DHS Key Club, Solar Boat and the Cal Tech SEAL project, a CSF member for 4 years and a member of the JV Tennis Team. She received the Valley View Alumni and Kiwanis Scholarship, is a Golden State Seal Recipient, received top honors in CSF and is an AP Scholar with Distinction. She feels her greatest accomplishment is having been involved in the SEPA program with the City of Hope where she gained hands-on research experience in molecular biology. She offers advice to her fellow Falcons of "pursue and explore as many opportunities as you can, even if you are not sure because you may end of loving it".



**MARY ROSE MAGNOLIA**, seen her at her softball signing, will be attending and playing softball at Holy Names University in Oakland this fall. Her course of study will be Education and Physical Therapy. Her proudest moment thus far is having been accepted to Holy Names and for receiving an academic scholarship. When asked how she feels now that she has graduated, she states "I feel that I have grown up a little and am ready for the next chapter in my life." She received a culinary arts scholarship and encourages her fellow Falcons to stay involved, don't be afraid to try new things and don't let anyone dictate what you do.

## Congratulations Mt. Olive High School 2013 Graduates

Leticia Bañuelos, Marcos Barcenas, Kathy Carrillo, Jose Castillo, Roberto Cervantes, Joseph Chavarria, Arturo Covarrubias, Ricardo Delayo, Destiny Fajardo, Alexander Galindo, Adrian Gallardo, Jose Garcia, Priscilla Garcia, Angel Gomez, Antonio Gonzalez, Vanessa Gonzalez, Marcos Guarneros, Ricky Gutierrez, Daniel Hernandez, Deseree Hosey, Malik Lewis, Giovanna Loera, Ray Magaña, Ana Martinez, Ricardo Martinez, Alejandro Miranda, Fernanda Montano, Tyler Morales, Gabriel Morgan, Javier Nuñez, Luis Pacheco, Agustin Pargas, Christopher Parias, Carlos Perez, Cassandra Ramirez, Renee Reyes, Celeste Rodriguez, David Rodriguez, Celeste Roman, Perla Ruiz, Deseree Sanchez, Christina Santiago, Kevin Sierra, Caleb Tucker, Yesenia Valenzuela

**RAYLEEN DUDLEY**, received the Senior Project Award and CSF 100%, as well as, scholarships from the Lemonade Brigade, AVID, Duarte High School PTSA and LULAC. She will be attending Sonoma State University in the fall focusing on Child Development and Elementary Education. Since graduating she is eager to embark on the next journey in her life, simply stating "I ready!" Rayleen states that her greatest accomplishment has been proving those wrong who told her she could not do it. Surrounding herself with positivity is her key to success and to always believe in you, even when others might not. To keep herself involved she was a member of AVID, played Varsity Softball, worked on the Lemonade Brigade and was a member of La Vida Nueva and Interact. Her parting words to her fellow Falcons are to stay focused on academics, give back to your community and don't be afraid to try.



**ADRIAN DIAZ** will be attending San Diego State University with a double major in English and History. When asked how he feels now that he has graduated, he states "Lost, but not worried." He was a valued member of Key Club, Interact, Happy Feet the Anime Club and the Asian Club. Words of wisdom to his fellow Falcons are to make use of all the resources available to you, even the ones you may not know exactly what they are...they can take you to great and magical places. Adrian received the Kiwanis Scholarship, the DUEA Scholarship, and was awarded the CSF and CST Award.



# Fabulous Falcons Take Flight

## *Congratulations Class of 2013*

On June 12, 2013, 259 members of the Duarte High School graduating Class of 2013 were joined by their families, friends and faculty to honor and celebrate their academic success. Dressed in navy and white robes adorned with colorful stoles and cords marking their achievements the graduates proudly strutted across the Falcon field with their heads held high enjoying their spotlight moment before taking their seats to be officially accepted as graduates. The evening was highlighted by student speakers, the musical talents of the Duarte High School Concert Band and the DHS Concert and Show Choir. Principal Robin Nelson led the commencement ceremony accompanied by Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent, who accepted the class, congratulating them for being “shoulder-tapped” and encouraged them to follow their passion in life. The Duarte Unified Board of Education held the honor of shaking the hand of every graduate as they were given their diplomas. With a shout of “Turn those Tassels” the Class of 2013 was ceremonially tossed into their future.

Graduation marks the culmination of the efforts from our entire Pre-K- 12th grade school community. The devotion and commitment from every staff member of the Duarte Unified School District is ceremoniously celebrated on graduation day. We are all proud of the accomplishments of our students so far and we are committed to providing any needed support as they continue the pursuit of their goals, passions and dreams.

As we wish the Class of 2013 good luck and bon voyage we would also like to take this moment to spotlight a few of our fabulous Falcons.



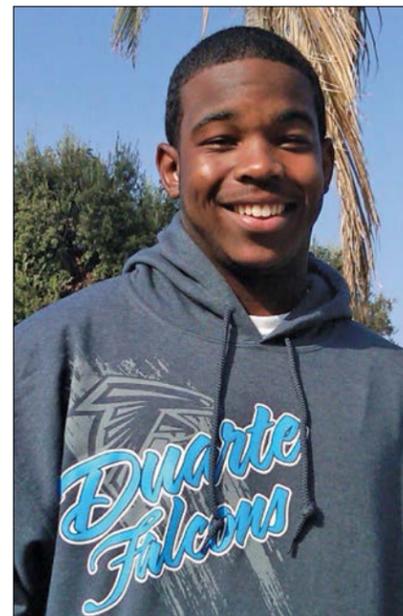
The UCLA School of Nursing only accepts 40 incoming freshman into their program each year and this year we are proud to say LAURA CORTEZ was one of them. She is the first in her family to attend a four-year university and the first ever from Duarte High School to be accepted into this prestigious program, the end result will be a Bachelor of Science in nursing and later to become a registered nurse. She feels that she made her family and city proud through her dedication, community works and being an example that hard work pays off. Her greatest accomplishment thus far is that she took advantage of all the opportunities made available to her, becoming certified in CPR/First Aide through the ROP Emergency Medical Responder Course at DHS

and being able to volunteer at the City of Hope. Laura was a part of DART (Duarte Area Resource Team), CAAAT-Youth Advocate, Youth to Youth, the Mayor's Youth Council and the Duarte Boxing Club. She was honored and received scholarships from City of Duarte - Duarte's Red Wagon, Edward Lancaster, DART, LULAC, Ginger Kyndberg, Lupe Osaguera Memorial, Miguel Mejia, the San Gabriel Valley District Women's Club, and the SCE Federal Credit Union. She received the Senior Project Award, the Golden Seal Recipient and CSF Top Honors.

When asked how she feels about graduation, MARINA PAIZ shouts “Relieved!” with a smile. She is excited to now focus on making and performing music as she heads off to New York University to study Music Technology. While at DHS Marina was involved in Interact Club and Jazz Band. Additionally, she was involved in classical piano and has taken karate lessons since she was four. She has since graduated from her last level of piano instruction with honors and has also received her Japanese-rank black belt in martial arts. Words of wisdom for her fellow Falcons are to get involved, college applications make you question your abilities and self-worth, but keep your head up high and carry on, and you're worth it. Marina received the Ed and Helen Ferguson Scholarship, the DUEA Scholarship, the Argent Capital Group Scholarship and the Duarte Soccer League Scholarship; she is also a CSF Life and Golden State Seal Recipient.



On his way to Arizona State University to double major in Pre-Law and Psychology is MARCUS LEWIS. As a scholar athlete Marcus always took his leadership role both on and off the playing field seriously always leading by example. He was a member of the Key Club and the Leadership Team, played football, basketball and track and field. Now that he has graduated he already misses his friends and teachers but looks forward to growing and attaining his career goals and financial success. He knows the days of immaturity and irresponsibility are over and it is time to be focused, responsible and independent. Marcus' advice to his fellow Falcons is “always follow your dreams and maintain excellent work ethics, be a positive influence, stay focused and always give back to your school and community.” His greatest accomplishment was graduating and being a driving athletic force for the Duarte High School athletic teams. He received the Provost Scholarship from ASU totaling \$48,000 over 4 years, the Elks Lodge MVP Award, the Robert Hazelton Memorial Scholarship, the Marines Distinguished Athlete Award and City of Hope Donor Award for blood donation. Additionally, Marcus was honored as the District Merit Scholar Athlete, Most Dedicated Athlete and received several leadership certificates, he also received the Three Stooges Award, Most Talkative Future Lawyer and Best MC, all while maintaining a 3.5 GPA.



Go Beach! JARED CRISOSTOMO is heading to Cal State University Long Beach where he will study Computer Science and Business. Since having graduated he is relieved to have completed his senior project and feels his greatest accomplishment has been being elected as the Assistant Drum Major for the DHS Marching Band and as the vice president of Interact Club. He has enjoyed participating in Interact, Marching Band and playing in the Jazz Band. His advice to his fellow Falcons is to enjoy high school and take full advantage of all the opportunities that are offered to you. Jared was awarded CSF 100% Honors.



Heading off to UCLA to study Biology and to complete his prerequisites to be a medical student and future doctor is MARIO BALDERRAMA JR. As he reflects on graduation, he is leery of the challenging course work ahead but knows he will be successful and that in the end his hard work in high school paid off. Being selected from THE largest and MOST competitive pool of applicants for UCLA is his greatest accomplishment thus far. Mario stayed connected at DHS by participating on the Varsity Cross Country Team and as a member of the Swim Team; he represented DHS in the Swim League Finals. He was honored for his Senior Project, by the City of Hope for giving Blood three times his senior year, was in CSF 100%, was awarded a scholarship from the Duarte Emblem Club and is a Golden State Seal Recipient. Parting advice to his fellow Falcons is that academics are very, if not the most, important aspect of your high school career, however I truly regret not joining more sports teams throughout my years at DHS, so JOIN SPORTS!



## Congratulations Duarte High School 2013 Graduates

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Little, Reyes Loera, Alejandra Loera Lopez, Alejandra Lopez, Carlos Lopez, Melissa Lopez, Felicia Lopez Colorado, Jose Luevano, Luis Macedo, Ismael Macias, Eduardo Magallanes, Karina Magallanes, Ray Magee, Mary Rose Magnolia, Jason Maile, Josue Manzo, Daniel Marroquin, Abraham Martinez, Alicia Martinez, Andrew Martinez, Isaac Martinez, Lorena Martinez, Christian Masia, Victor Mejia, Charlene Mendoza, Rebecca Mesa, Morgan Michaelis, Victoria Michel, Claudia Molina, Merry Moline, Brenda Montano, Alicia Morales, Cristian Morales, Edber Morales, Kimberly Moran, Rudy Munguia, Amanda Munn, Christopher Munoz, Jose Munoz, Breanna Navarro, Jimmy Neder, Anthony Newton, Michael Noonan, Ashley Nunez, Lori Nunez, Kimberly Olivarez, Gabriella Olvera, Jennifer Orozco, Joel Ortega, Adrian Ortiz, Eder Pacheco Ramirez, Marina Paiz, Selena Pasillas, Yalicia Pelayo, Dayra Perea, Nicholas Perez, Silvia Perez, Sonia Puri, Cristobal Ramirez, Melanie Ramirez, Sandra Ramos, Carolina Recinos, Christian Reed, Jasmine Resendez, Lizbeth Resendez, Alejandra Reyes-Velarde, Helen Rincon, Lizbeth Rios, Katelyn Robinson, Karen Rocha, Darlene Rodriguez, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Samantha Rodriguez, Divina Roman, Eileen Romero, Esteban Romo, Paola Rosales, Cecilia Ruiz, Irania Ruiz, Andrew Ruvalcaba, Cesar Salas, Victor Salazar, Jaime Salinas, Jorge Salinas, Luis Salinas, Eduardo Salmeron, Brenda Sanchez, Fernando Sanchez, Jonathan Sandoval, Jaime Seagrove, An'Jay Sharp, Javier Sierra, Mathew Sorensen, Areli Soto, Melissa Soto, James Storms, Denzel Talifero, Jose Tepepa, Angel Torres, Gabriel Torres, Vanessa Torres, Yvonne Torres, Brittany Urbina, Ramiro Valdez, Robert Valdez, Eduardo Valdivia, Cecilia Vallin, Brenda Velasco, Jeanette Veliz-Andrade, Diana Verdesoto, Sarah Vides, Nadia Villa, Jessica Villegas, Henry Vindel, Alfredo Viramontes, Perry Walters, Cody Wemmer, Ian Wiley-Harmon, Erica Williams, Kendall Williams, Sergio Witrago, Hsiao-Lan Wu, Sarah Young, Yan Bo Zeng, Saara Zigic.

## Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Special summer hours of 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. will be held June 17-July 26.

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

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

#### It a Small World After All Week!

Dates: July 22-26  
Time: 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

A week full of exploring other countries and their traditions, music, beautiful displays and a special closing event with dinner! Global Peace and Unity is the theme!

#### Mardi Gras Madness!

Amazing Acts Week!  
Dates: July 29-August 2  
Time: 3 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Fee: Free

A week of theatre arts, skits, poetry jam and the week will end

with a Mardi Gras Celebration!

#### Splash Madness Week!

Date: August 12-16  
Time: 3 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Fee: Free

Come hang out at the center and join us for water games all week, contest, super soaker fun and more! Highlight of the week an excursion to Knott's Soak City!

#### Knott's Soak City Trip

Date: August 15  
Fee: \$30  
Departs Teen Center at 9 a.m.  
Returns at 5 p.m.

#### Hip Hop Dance Camp

Date: July 29-August 2  
Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Fee: \$20

Come spend a week, learning the latest dance moves, meeting new friends and at the end of the one-week camp, show case your talents!

#### Advanced Hip Hop Class!

Date: July 29-August 2  
Time: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.  
Fee: \$20

Must have prior dance experience or prior Hip Hop class attendance.

### TOURNAMENTS

#### 3 Point Shoot Out Contest!

Date: Wednesday, July 24  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Fee: Free

Come and "wet" the hoop in the Duarte Teen Center 3 point shoot out contest! Each contestant will get 1 minute to shoot as many 3 point shots for a total score, top winners will receive prizes! Come and get ya hoop on!

#### Pool Kings Tournament

Date: Wednesday, August 7  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Fee: Free

Duarte Teen center will host other city teen centers in a POOL KINGS tournament! Come represent your center with the best hot shots you got! Prizes awarded to the top winners! Fee: Contact Teen center for more info!

### TEEN COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday, September 13 the Mayor's Youth Council will host the third annual Teen Community Movie Night. Event will feature a movie, and a dance competition will take place at 5 p.m., with a free barbecue to follow! Vendors and much more! Event starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. Event held at Duarte Park.

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

#### Birthday Tuesday

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

#### Nutrition/Cooking Class

Date: Wednesdays  
Time: 3:30-5 p.m.  
Fee: \$2 per class  
Learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends!

### Drama Club

Date: Fridays  
Time: 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Fee: Membership Fee \$5 every 6 months  
Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisations.

### Girls Night Out!

Date: Tuesdays, July 23, August 6 & 20  
Time: 3:30-5 p.m.  
This program is for girls grades 9-12. Participants discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self-esteem, relationships and much more.



## 17 students appointed to Duarte Mayor's Youth Council

Providing Duarte youth with an opportunity to serve the community in leadership roles and prepare them for responsible citizenship is one of the tenets of Duarte's Promise to youth.

The Duarte City Council has appointed 17 new members to the Mayor's Youth Council for 2013-2014. The teens, all students from Duarte High School, will advise, recommend, and assist with activities and issues affecting young people in Duarte.

Newly appointed Mayor's Youth Council members are: Natasha Martinez, Tiffany Felix, Robert Owens, Mayra Guzman, Angela Gregory, Lorelei Near, Erik Pacheco, Jiselle Chavez, Hazel Gonzalez, Yvette Estephan, Dominique Stumbaugh, Jared Evangelista, Tonnette Morehaed, Abryanna Howard, Ellie Abajian, Yanelly Serrano, and Cristina Roman.

Youth Council members are required to attend all Youth Council meetings and events, be a City of Duarte resident, or attend school in the Duarte Unified School District, and be motivated and committed to represent the teens of Duarte. Both intermediate school and high school students apply for appointment.

Among the activities of the Mayor's Youth Council in 2012-2013, was the planning and hosting of the third annual Duarte/Monrovia Youth Leadership Summit that brought together nearly 400 teens from Duarte and Monrovia for a series of workshops at the Duarte Performing Arts Center. The Youth Leadership Summit was originally spearheaded by the Duarte Mayor's Youth Council in 2011 in partnership with the Monrovia Teen Advisory Board. Duarte and Monrovia alternate in hosting the event. The Mayor's Youth Council also plans an annual Teen Community Movie Night scheduled to be held in September. Last September it attracted more than 300 teens, and

## What a relief! Restrooms now open weekdays at RO Park

Good news for all who enjoy the many recreational delights of the City's Royal Oaks Park. Public restrooms, previously only open certain hours on the weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., are now open weekdays beginning June 10.

Budget constraints have limited the restroom open hours. But after receiving input from residents, city staff and officials, the restrooms will be open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to dusk, and Friday, 8 a.m. to dusk for a trial period through the end of September. Weekend hours will remain the same.

Royal Oaks Park, located on Royal Oaks Dr. and Las Lomas Rd., is one of the City's most used recreational areas with its playground, tennis courts, newly refurbished basketball courts, picnic spots, and proximity to the multi-use trail.

The extended restroom facility hours coincide with already established maintenance staff work schedules to minimize the cost. The trial period will be used to assess the impact on maintenance cleaning times, additional paper and cleaning supply costs, vandalism and extra use. Information will be tracked to project an annual impact cost that would be presented at the mid-year budget evaluation.

Public Safety code enforcement officers will drive by the restrooms as part of their normal patrols. To help inform the public about the new restroom availability schedule, signs are posted at the restroom and along the trail. Information is also on the City's website, [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com).

For additional information, call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931, ext. 201.

hosted a substance abuse program at the Duarte Teen Center.

For more information about the Mayor's Youth Council, contact: Marilyn Mays at the Duarte Teen Center, (626) 303-0863.

## Three Mt. Olive graduating seniors receive scholarships from Duarte Kiwanis Club



FROM LEFT, back row: Kevin Morris, Mt. Olive Principal; Tina Carey, Duarte Kiwanis President; Karen Herrera, Duarte Kiwanis Board Member. Front row: Lois Gaston, Duarte Kiwanis member; Augustin Parra, Cassandra Ramirez and Destiny Fajardo.

This year, the Duarte Kiwanis Club had quite a challenge in selecting the recipients of 2013 Scholarships—there were so many

excellent essays, the committee asked for extra money.

The club had initially budgeted \$3000 for scholarships, but saw so much potential in the graduates from Mt. Olive High School, the Duarte Kiwanis Board found the funds to increase the total scholarship budget to \$3500.

Three of the scholarships were awarded to Mt. Olive High School graduating seniors Destiny Fajardo, Cassandra Ramirez and Augustin Parra.

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](mailto:drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com).

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## Wonder Dog Ranch program helps plan for emergencies

Brenda Trainor of Wonder Dog Ranch, accompanied by Ernie Dods, their CBO (Chief Barking Officer), presented an informative, and fun program for a recent meeting of the Duarte Kiwanis Club. Brenda shared the need for pet owners to consider and plan for emergency preparations for pets.

How many pet owners even consider the possibility of an evacuation?

Wonder Dog Ranch, a dog daycare and boarding facility, recently served as an evacuation site for pets during the Madison Wildfire, and is now launching a campaign to encourage people to "Pledge for Your Pet - Plan and Prepare" for emergencies. Brenda shared a great checklist that pet owners can use for their preparation and potential resources that are available.

Wonder Dog Ranch also provides a wonderful "doggie day care" service – as well as pet boarding services. They have found that dogs who get lonely during the day, respond well to visiting other dogs and having social time.

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@drhernandezop-tometry.com.

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## Street Closure Notice

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### CLOSURE OF BUENA VISTA STREET

#### WHAT

Crews will be constructing grade crossing improvements on Buena Vista Street at the railroad crossing located north of Duarte Road in the City of Duarte. Construction activities will be performed as part of the 11.5-mile Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension light rail project. This grade crossing work requires a closure of Buena Vista Street at the railroad crossing for approximately 7 weeks.

#### WHEN

- June 12, 2013 (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.): The intersection of Buena Vista Street and Duarte Road will be closed to thru-traffic. Traffic on both Buena Vista Street and Duarte Road will be detoured.
- June 13 - end of July 2013: Duarte Road will reopen to one lane in each direction. Buena Vista Street will be closed to thru-traffic at the railroad crossing. Traffic on Buena Vista Street will be detoured (see detour map).
- During August 2013: The intersection of Buena Vista Street and Duarte Road will be open to thru-traffic with occasional lane closures at the intersection. At least one lane of traffic will remain open in each direction.
- Standard work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Note: Occasional longer work hours, work on Sundays and/or night work may be performed.

#### TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

- Pedestrian access will be maintained.
- A detour route for motorists will be implemented and signage will be posted to direct motorists.
- Motorists are advised to expect delays and use alternate routes when possible.
- During this construction activity, all businesses including those located on Buena Vista Street and Duarte Road will remain open and accessible.

Bus stops in this vicinity will be temporarily relocated and signage will be posted to direct riders. For information about:

- MTA bus stops, call (323) GO-METRO (323-466-3876) or go to [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net)
- Foothill Transit bus stops, call (800) RIDE-INFO, (800-743-3463) or go to [www.foothilltransit.org](http://www.foothilltransit.org)
- Duarte Transit bus stops, call (626) 358-9627 or go to [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com)

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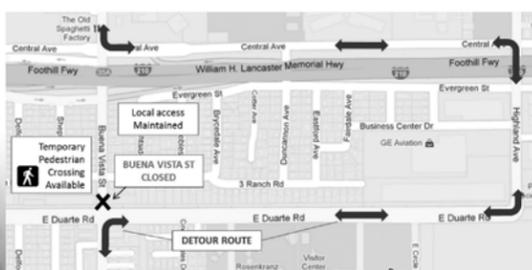
- Noise from construction equipment will be produced near the active work zones.
- Watering equipment will be used to control dust.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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- Call the Hotline at (626) 324-7098
- Visit our Public Information Office located at 406 E. Huntington Drive, Suite 202, Monrovia, CA

**For questions about construction activities:**  
Dan Kulka, Community Relations Manager  
Foothill Transit Constructors (FTC)  
(626) 610-0300 / dan.kulka@kiewit.com

**For project information:**  
Sylvia Beltran, Community Relations  
Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority  
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Depiction of the detour route during the closure of Buena Vista St.

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# Pathways to success in higher education

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell

Citrus College Governing Board Member

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a community college trustee and a former college professor is the opportunity to watch students – many of them first-generation college students – find the path to a better life. Over the years, I have heard hundreds of inspiring success stories of Citrus College students who defied the odds and worked hard to achieve a college education that would provide entry to a financially and personally rewarding career.



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

In terms of student success, the 2012-2013 academic year was a historic year for Citrus College. At Commencement in June, the college set new records in a number of noteworthy categories. A record number of degrees were conferred – more than 1,500 – and 505 graduates participated in the Commencement Ceremony, the most in the college's 98-year history. Citrus College also celebrated the 301 students who graduated with honors and the 33 student veterans who were awarded degrees. Of particular interest was that one of the college's new transfer degrees, Associate of Arts in Psychology for Transfer, was our eighth largest degree major. A total of 245 students in the Class of 2013 received Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T) degrees, which will allow them to transfer into the California State

University system with junior standing.

Several forces came together this past year to take student success at Citrus College to a new level. To achieve statewide goals to increase the numbers of students who transfer from community colleges to state universities, as mandated by the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2010, Citrus College developed 13 AA-T or AS-T degrees. In addition, it was the college's first year for implementing the

Student Success Act of 2012, which places greater emphasis on incoming students and on helping more students reach their educational goals.

Without a doubt, it is the students who deserve the credit for their own success. But, they were assisted along the way by an institution that places students first and supports them with the programs and services they need to stay on track and continue moving forward. Not satisfied with statewide directives alone, Citrus College adopted as our theme for the 2012-2013 year: "Citrus College: A College of Completion." This initiative, inspired by a research project by our Phi Theta Kappa honors students, was incorporated into our programs, philosophies and discourse, thanks to the vision of Superintendent/President Geraldine Perri and the full support of the faculty, staff, administration and board of trustees.

Community college degrees are a pathway to life success. Recent data tells us that higher education remains a viable means to economic success, while at the same time providing protection against unemployment. As reported by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, average earnings grow from \$652 per week to \$785 per week by earning an associate's degree. Obtaining a bachelor's degree increases average earnings to \$1,066 per week, and for those who go on to earn a master's degree, their average weekly earnings go to \$1,300. As salaries go

# Duarte Fitness Center pool open

The City of Duarte Fitness Center swimming pools are now open for a variety of aquatic activities. Lap swim in two lanes is offered for adults 6:30 – 8 a.m. and 12 - 1 p.m. Monday through

Friday; 7 - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. weekends. Recreational swim is available for all ages from 1 - 3:30 p.m. weekdays and 12 - 4 p.m. weekends. The cost is only \$1 for children 12 and under, and \$2 for adults and teens. Water aerobics classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$5 per class.

up, the unemployment rate goes down. For high school graduates in 2012, the unemployment rate was 8.3 percent, while the unemployment rate for those holding bachelor's degrees was just 4.5 percent.

In June, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office launched the "California Community Colleges Salary Surfer Website." This innovative tool allows students to view earnings of those who complete a certificate or degree in a specific community college discipline and then enter the workforce. The new Salary Surfer website displays median annual incomes for graduates from 179 of the most widely enrolled California community college programs. The website can be accessed at [www.salariesurfer.cccco.edu](http://www.salariesurfer.cccco.edu).

I am pleased to report that Citrus College is currently working toward even greater levels of student success for 2013-2014. For example, the college's Curriculum Committee recently approved two more transfer degrees: Associate in Arts in Journalism for Transfer and Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer. Both degrees received approval from our local board of trustees, and they are now awaiting certification from the Chancellor's Office.

These new AA-T and AS-T degrees are just one pathway for students to achieve their higher education goals. Citrus College offers 41 associate degrees and 30 certificates or skill awards in career/technical programs. Just as important, Citrus College has a variety of student services in place to help ensure student success. If you or a member of your family is considering entering or returning to college, I would encourage you to go online at [www.citruscollege.edu](http://www.citruscollege.edu) and click on "Admissions, Registration, Records." I hope you will get started on your Citrus College success story soon!

The Fitness Center Pool offers swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels. The swim instructors are all Red Cross certified and very experienced. Lessons are offered mornings and evenings Monday through Thursday. The cost of a 2-week session is only \$30. There are a limited number of class times and spaces. Registration begins at 6 a.m. for Duarte residents and 8 a.m. for non-residents one week prior to the beginning of each session. Sessions are: July 29 – August 8, August 12 – August 22 and September 9 – September 19.

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

# Duarte Parks and Recreation provides support to the community

Lupe Valerio, Supervisor at Duarte Parks and Recreation Department, recently shared the City's program for supporting kids in need in the Duarte community. An initial support program was started by the Duarte Community Service Council in 1994. This program provides a \$50 "grant" to kids needing support – it is based on income needs, and any child on Medical automatically qualifies.

Duarte Parks and Recreation Department provides many recreational programs and classes for kids including swimming lessons, ballet classes, karate and during the summer, summer camp programs. This year, due to a grant through the Public Safety Department, some grants were increase to \$100 which would cover a week of summer camp for many of the kids. To date this year, Parks and Recreation has been able to help over 160 youth. Lupe is hoping to find more support in the community so she doesn't have to start turning families away.

For the past two years, Duarte Kiwanis had provided \$500 toward "camperships" specifically for these kids and will be reviewing that opportunity at their next Board Meeting. Pictured from left, Mirna de Lira Lopez, Duarte Kiwanis member and Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Lupe Valerio.

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](mailto:drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com).

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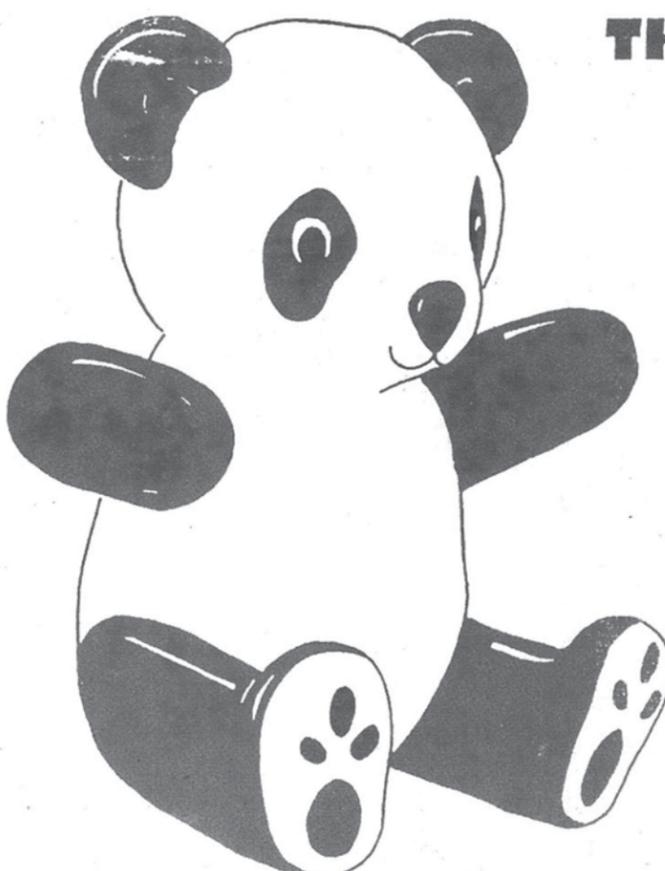
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# Small Business Development Center to open consulting office in Duarte City Hall

Duarte City Hall will soon house a satellite office of the Small Business Development Center hosted by Pacific Coast Regional (PCR-SBDC), where small business owners will be able to access free help and guidance from a team of qualified business consultants.

Funded by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) and grants, the PCR-SBDC office is scheduled to open in August, and will offer conveniently located assistance to businesses in Duarte and the surrounding east San Gabriel Valley cities.

The establishment of the PCR-SBDC office in Duarte is the result of a collaborative effort by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, City of Duarte, and State Senator Carol Liu's office to help struggling small business owners succeed.

Initially, the office will be open on the second and fourth Thursdays a month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. offering by appointment, one on one consulting services on matters including strategic planning, financial software and social media training, development of a business plan, and guidance on obtaining capital.

PCR-SBDC originated the small business consultation program in Pasadena three years ago to help business struggling in the difficult economy, said Constance Anderson, PCR-SBDC Executive Director.

Many small businesses have benefitted from the program and the demand for services has grown.

To make the program available to as many businesses as possible, and to offer a convenient location for small businesses east

of Pasadena, the PCR-SBDC approached the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and City of Duarte to learn if Duarte would be interested in providing office space for the program. It was just what the Chamber and City had been looking for as a way to help support local businesses.

"We're very pleased to have this resource come to our city. Successful businesses help cities grow and thrive. We want to do everything we can to support them," said City Councilmember, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci.

In 2012, the City of Duarte was named "Most Business Friendly City" in Los Angeles County with a population of 60,000 or under by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation.

Local businesses received their first introduction to the program on July 16 from PCR-SB-

DC Executive Director Anderson at the Duarte Chamber of Commerce monthly networking breakfast at California Skewers restaurant.

Natalie Orta of the SBA will also promote the program at the Chamber's Quarterly Small Business Seminar at the Duarte Community Center on Aug. 14.

Official opening of the Small Business Consultation Program office in Duarte will be preceded by a 2-hour orientation on August 15 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Duarte Community Center.

The following week on August 22 SBDC staff will begin scheduling the individual consulting appointments with businesses.

For further information, call the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333 or Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

# Drop-in summer park program

Four park sites are currently open Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for recreational activities.

Royal Oaks Park, Encanto Park, Beardslee Park and Otis Gordon Sports Park offer arts and crafts, sports, games, and special events all supervised by trained recreation leaders. This is a drop-in program and not a day care program.

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## Increase involvement in Neighborhood Watch

It is every resident’s desire to feel safe and secure in their home and neighborhood. One good way to help ensure home and neighborhood security is to get actively involved in the City’s highly successful Duarte Neighborhood Watch program.

The key person in any Neighborhood Watch group is the Block Captain. This person is an integral component to keeping the block actively involved in crime prevention efforts as well as the important process of information exchange between neighbors.

“Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear because it fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between law enforcement and the communities they serve,” said Duarte Public Safety Director, Brian Villalobos.

“Neighborhood Watch does not require frequent meetings, does not ask residents to take personal risk to prevent crime, and leaves the responsibility of apprehending criminals where it belongs in the hands of law enforcement,” said Villalobos. “But, what it does do is help bring neighbors together in the common interest of keeping the neighborhood safe, and it works,” he said.

Burrtec Waste Industries and the City of Duarte are also addressing the issue of illegal scavenging of recyclables from curbside and commercial bins. Materials placed in a recycling bin have a value used to offset collection and processing costs. When a scavenger breaks the law and removes those materials they are also removing any value asso-

ciated with the recycling program, which ultimately affects rates. In addition, the litter caused by the illegal rummaging and the possibility of a scavenger obtaining personal information from a recycling bin is impetus for mitigating this activity through Neighborhood Watch. For more info, call Duarte Public Safety at (626) 357-7938, ext. 316.



JOANNA GEE (left), Duarte Library Manager, Ms. Incando of Rose Hills and Jan Wight, President of FDL.

## Rose Hills representative presents to Duarte Library

Darlene Incando, representative of Rose Hills, made a presentation at a Friends of the Duarte Library of the book “When A Loved One Dies” to the Duarte Library. Ms. Incando will also be

presenting a seminar on Saturday, August 10, at 11 a.m. on pre planning and end of life information. The seminar will be held at the Duarte Library, 1301 Buena Vista, at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

## Two local students win medals at NAACP National ACT-SO Competition

Two local high school students have returned home medalists from the NAACP National (ACT-SO) Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technical, and Scientific Olympics in Orlando, Florida.



**NAACP Pasadena Branch (ACT-SO) Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics Gold Medalists, Lily Paris and Naomi Berhane returned home from the NAACP national ACT-SO competition in Orlando, Florida with more medals for their achievements. Celebrating at the ACT-SO Winners Reception are from left: Mayra Beltran, photography mentor/trip chaperone; Lois Gaston, Pasadena Branch co-chair/trip chaperone; Anana Kambon, NAACP ACT-SO national executive director; Lillian Paris-Silver Medalist, photography; and Naomi Berhane, Bronze Medalist, math. More than 700 high school students representing 125 cities and towns nationwide competed in 26 categories during the competition.**

Lily Paris, a student at Monrovia High School, won a Silver Medal in photography. Naomi Berhane, who attends Flintridge Prep School, scored a Bronze Medal in mathematics at the competition held in conjunction with the 104th NAACP Annual Convention.

Paris, a Duarte resident, and Berhane, along with five other students, including three from Duarte High School, advanced to the national competition after winning Gold Medals in the local Pasadena NAACP ACT-SO competition hosted by the City of Duarte in April. They are: Ariana Seymore, Chino Hills High School; Tamera Barron, Duarte High School; Tylen Kelly, Duarte High School; Tyree McLemore, Bonanza High School, NV, formerly of Duarte; and William Glover, Duarte High School.

ACT-SO, founded in 1978 by renowned author and journalist Vernon Jarrrett, is an enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve and encourage high academic and cultural achievement. The program targets African-American high school students. There are 25 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, performing and visual arts.

Duarte Teen Center Director, Marilyn Mays served as chair of the Pasadena NAACP’s ACT-SO competition. Duarte Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera, Duarte Public Safety Crime Prevention Specialist, Aida Torres and former Duarte Mayor, Lois Gaston served as co-chairs.

The ACT-SO program is intended to be a learning experience. The focus is on enrichment and mentorship.

Students work with ACT-SO volunteer mentors who are professionals in their field who serve as coaches in promoting academic and artistic excellence among underserved youth.

High school students who self-identify as African American, are citizens of the United States, enrolled in grades 9-12, and are amateurs in the categories of competition are invited to participate.

Famous ACT-SO alumni in the performing arts include John Singleton, Kanye West, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Roy Hargrove, Michael Bard, and Anthony Anderson.



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