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CITY OF DUBLIN PLANS A HOST OF HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

DUBLIN, Calif., November 17, 2016 – From now through the end of the holiday season, the City of Dublin has a number of events planned in celebration. From a craft boutique to the annual tree lighting ceremony and breakfast with Santa Claus, there is something for people of all ages taking place in Dublin this season. While many of the events are free, some events require reservations and payment through the City of Dublin's Parks and Community Services Department.

A **Holiday Craft Boutique** will take place on Saturday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at the Dublin Senior Center (7600 Amador Valley Boulevard). This event, sponsored by the Dublin Senior Center and the Dublin Senior Foundation, will feature an assortment of original handmade arts and crafts for gift-giving. Admission is free.

The City of Dublin's **33rd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** will take place on Thursday, December 1, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., at the Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza). The Dublin High School Choir, under the direction of Alexandra Lopiano, and the Wells Middle School Jazz Band, under the direction of Erik Bertelson, will provide seasonal entertainment. Free refreshments will be served after the performances, and guests may be surprised to see a special visitor from the North Pole.

The Sunday School Barn at the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums (6600 Donlon Way) will be the site of a special **Children's Holiday Tea** on Saturday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m., and **Country Holiday Teas** on Saturday, December 3, and Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. Guests at the Children's Tea will enjoy holiday sweets with a festive sing-along and a visit from Old St. Nick, while visitors at the Country Holiday

Teas will find a traditional tea menu of sandwiches, delectable desserts, and peaceful holiday music. Tickets to both events are \$25 per person and can be purchased in advance.

Visitors to the Dublin Senior Center can celebrate the season with friends while heating up the dance floor to classic ballroom, cool swing, and contemporary music with *Lady K and the Kings of Swing* at the “**Holiday DancEscape**” on Friday, December 9, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Discounted tickets, \$10 for residents and \$13 for non-residents, can be purchased by December 8. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door for \$15.

“**Breakfast with Santa,**” a popular Dublin tradition, will be held on Saturday, December 10, at the Shannon Community Center (11600 Shannon Avenue). Families are invited to enjoy a delicious hot pancake breakfast, served with sausage, fruit, coffee, and juice, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. There will be three seatings for this event, at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Ticket prices are \$14 for residents, and \$17 for non-residents. This event benefits the Dublin High School Irish Guard and Band.

The festivities this year will also include a holiday philanthropy project, “**Warm the Winter Chill,**” hosted by City of Dublin employees. Residents are encouraged to visit the Dublin Civic Center, Shannon Community Center or the Dublin Senior Center, and select a gift tag of their choice. Each tag represents the wishes from a neighbor in need. Participants will purchase the item, and deliver the wrapped gift, along with the tag, to the Dublin Civic Center, Shannon Community Center or Senior Center by **Friday, December 9**, at 5:00 p.m. Gifts will be delivered in time for Christmas to the recipients. For more information, call (925) 833-6640.

Participants may register for any of the pre-sale events at www.dublin.ca.gov/holidayhappenings or by visiting the Parks & Community Services offices at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin. For more information about any of the holiday events, contact the City of Dublin Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 556-4500.

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