



# CITY OF DUBLIN

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### CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE CITY OF DUBLIN

**DUBLIN, Calif., November 9, 2017** – The holiday season is just around the corner, and 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 18, 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 a wide assortment of original handmade arts and crafts, ideal for gift-giving. Admission is free.

The City of Dublin's **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** will take place on Thursday, November 30, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., at the Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza). This free event will include lively seasonal entertainment, including a performance by the Dublin High School Jazz Ensemble and the Dublin Unified School District Children's Choir. After the traditional lighting of the tree, guests can enjoy refreshments in the City Hall lobby. Children should also be on the lookout for a very 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 2, at 11:00 a.m., and **Country Holiday Teas** on Saturday, December 2, with seatings at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 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 dainty sandwiches, delectable sweets, and peaceful holiday music. Tickets to both events are \$25 per person and should be purchased in advance.

*Lady K and the Kings of Swing*, a 17-piece orchestra, will provide the musical backdrop for the Dublin Senior Center's annual **DancEscape** on Friday, December 8, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Guests can celebrate the season with friends while heating up the dance floor to classic ballroom, cool swing, and contemporary music. Dancers of all skill levels are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Discounted tickets, \$10 for residents and \$13 for non-residents, can be purchased by December 7. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door for \$15.

The ever-popular **“Breakfast with Santa”** will be held on Saturday, December 9, 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 -- 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Ticket prices are \$14 for residents, and \$17 for non-residents of all ages. This event benefits the Dublin High School Irish Guard and Band.

The festivities this year will also include the annual holiday philanthropy project, the **“Warm Wishes Gift Drive,”** sponsored 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. This year's beneficiaries are veteran families, including some formerly homeless, who are now living in new affordable housing at Valor Crossing, and children of military personnel stationed at Camp Parks. 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 **Monday, December 11**, at 5:00 p.m. Recipients will receive the gifts in time for Christmas. For more information, call (925) 833-6645.

Participants may register for any of the pre-sale events at [www.dublin.ca.gov/holidayhappenings](http://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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