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RING IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE CITY OF DUBLIN

DUBLIN, Calif., November 13, 2018 – The holiday season will be here before you know it, and the City of Dublin has a number of events planned in celebration. From the annual tree lighting ceremony and Breakfast with Santa Claus to the annual “Warm Wishes” gift drive, there are opportunities for people of all ages to get into the holiday spirit 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.

The City of Dublin’s **35th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** will take place on Thursday, November 29, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., at the Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza). This free event will include lively seasonal entertainment, including performances by the Dublin High School Choir and the Youth Orchestra of Southern Alameda County. 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.

Families can create old-fashioned holiday decorations for their home at **Hands-On History Day** at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums (6600 Donlon Way) on Saturday, December 1, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. This free event includes a guided tour of the historic Kolb House, which will be decorated in the style of the holidays of the early 20th century.

The City of Dublin invites residents to participate in the City's first **Holiday Home Decorating Contest**. Homes will be chosen for *Best Use of Lights*, *Best Lawn Display*, and *Best Holiday Theme*, as well as *Best Overall* for its curb appeal. Judging will take place December 11-13, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Winners will be notified

on December 18. Residents may download an informational flyer and the contest form at www.dublin.ca.gov/holidayhappenings. Entry forms must be delivered to Shannon Community Center (11600 Shannon Avenue) by Friday, December 7.

The ever-popular “**Breakfast with Santa**” will be held on Saturday, December 8, at the Shannon Community Center. Families are invited to enjoy a delicious hot pancake breakfast, served with sausage, fruit, coffee, and juice, and take photos with 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, and must be purchased in advance. This event benefits the Dublin High School Irish Guard music programs.

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 14, 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 13. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$15. The Dublin Senior Center is located at 7600 Amador Valley Boulevard in Dublin.

Music lovers of all ages are invited for a free **Violin Holiday Concert**, featuring seasonal favorites performed by students of Keep Violinin’ Studio, on Sunday, December 16, 3:00 p.m., at the Dublin Senior Center. This performance is offered as part of the City of Dublin’s Arts Space Grant Program.

Those who like to celebrate the season by giving to others are invited to participate in 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 who are now living in affordable housing at Valor Crossing and, also, 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 10**, at 5:00 p.m. Gifts will be delivered to recipients 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 or by visiting the Parks & Community Services offices at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin. For more information about any of the holiday events, call (925) 556-4500.

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