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CITY OF DUBLIN PLANS A HOST OF HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

DUBLIN, Calif., November 13, 2019 – The holiday season is just around the corner, and the City of Dublin has a number of events planned in celebration, including the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Breakfast with Santa. 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 **36th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** will take place on Thursday, December 5, 7:00 p.m., at the Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza). This free event will include lively seasonal entertainment, including performances by the Dublin Unified School District Children's Choir and ensembles from the Dublin High School Irish Guard band. 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 7, 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 **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. Two additional categories have been added this year: *Best Apartment/Condo* and *Best Neighborhood* (three or more homes either directly next door or across the street from each other in the

same block). Judging will take place December 9-12, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Winners will be notified on December 17. 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 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6.

The ever-popular **Breakfast with Santa** will be held on Saturday, December 14, 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. (Vegan breakfasts will also be made available.) There are three seatings for this event -- 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. This event is always sold out, so residents are encouraged to purchase tickets early. 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 and Band.

The 18-member *CoolTones Big Band* will provide the musical backdrop for the Dublin Senior Center's annual **DancEscape** on Friday, December 13, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Guests can celebrate the season with friends while heating up the dance floor to Jazz, Swing, Latin, American Song Book classics, and more. 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 12. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$15. The Dublin Senior Center is located at 7600 Amador Valley Boulevard in Dublin.

Sponsorship opportunities are offered for the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Breakfast with Santa. Please contact Lauren Marriott at (925) 556-4508 for more information.

Participants may register for any of the pre-sale events at www.dublinrecguide.com 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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