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# DUBLIN DIGEST

A WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF DUBLIN

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## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING EVENT

Kick-off the Holiday Season with Fun



Celebrate the season at the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on **Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza). Enjoy festive performances by local school choirs and bands, leading up to the lighting of our 30-foot holiday tree. Families can hop aboard the Clover Express Holiday Tractor, create holiday crafts, write Letters to Santa, and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Lastly, don't forget to take a photo with Santa, the Grinch, or Frosty the Snowman!

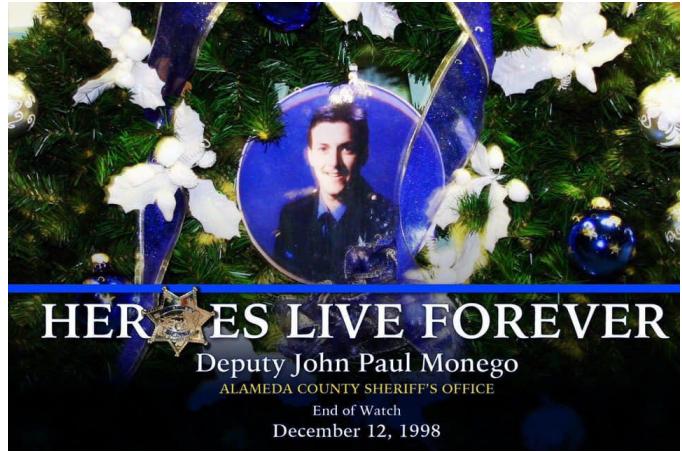
## DUBLIN BUSINESS CORNER

### What's New in Dublin

**Challenge Sales**, an electronics company, is planning on operating out of 6350 Clark Avenue, Unit B-7.

## DUBLIN POLICE SERVICES TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF DEPUTY JOHN PAUL MONEGO

Join us for This Annual Tree Lighting Event



On December 12, 1998, Dublin Police Deputy John Monego was tragically killed in the line of duty while responding to a robbery. On the 26th anniversary of his passing, please join Dublin Police and Deputy Monego's family in honoring his memory at an annual tree lighting ceremony on **Saturday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m.** The event will take place in the lobby of Dublin Police Services (6361 Clark Avenue). Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

## CITY HALL CLOSURES

### Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29

In honor of Thanksgiving Day, all City of Dublin offices and facilities **will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29**. Emergency personnel will remain on duty. Street sweeping and trash collection services will observe Thanksgiving Day and services will resume on Friday, November 29.

## DUBLIN CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS A

### NEW STAFF MEMBER

#### A Hearty Welcome to a New Dublin Team Member!



The City of Dublin is happy to welcome Raquel Grande to the City Attorney's office! Raquel joined Redwood Public Law, LLP, after completing law school and taking the bar exam this summer. She has been assisting City Attorney John Bakker since she joined the firm and has put in a significant amount of time working on projects for Dublin. Raquel recently received her bar results, and she will be sworn in shortly. Raquel is a native of Southern California and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly known as Hastings College of the Law). She shares both alma maters with the City Attorney. You can learn more about Raquel at [www.redwoodpubliclaw.com](http://www.redwoodpubliclaw.com).

## DUBLIN POLICE HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION AND SHOPPING TIPS

### Protect Yourself and Your Valuables This Holiday Season



This holiday season, Dublin Police will have extra staff in busy shopping areas to ensure safety through

a Holiday Crime Suppression Detail. Officers will focus on preventing common holiday crimes and will patrol in marked and unmarked vehicles, on foot, and on bicycles. Additional patrols will also watch for impaired drivers to help keep everyone safe.

While shopping during the holiday season, it is easy to be forgetful about personal property and safety. As a result, people are vulnerable to theft and other crimes. Follow some easy steps to protect yourself and your property:

- Park your car in a well-lit area, as close as you can to the shops.
- Do not leave packages, shopping bags, or valuables in plain view in your car.
- Parked cars should have all windows tightly closed and all doors locked.
- Lock your packages and other valuables in your vehicle's trunk. If your automobile does not have a trunk, be certain that valuables are out of sight or concealed so they cannot be easily identified.
- Always be aware of your surroundings. Be cautious of strangers approaching you for any reason. Criminals often try various methods of distraction with the intent of stealing money or belongings.
- While inside stores, never place packages on the floor or counters, or leave them unattended when purchasing additional items.
- Always have your car keys readily available in your hand before you walk to your car; scan the interior of your car to be sure no one is hiding inside.
- Carry purses under your arms and carry wallets in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Whenever possible, pay for purchases with checks or credit cards.
- When you arrive home, remove all packages from your vehicle.
- Shoppers should report any suspicious activity to the police department by calling 9-1-1 or the non-emergency line at 925-462-1212.
- Remember, if you see something, say something.

Also beware of "porch pirates" who steal a homeowner's mail or packages. Consider investing in a personal package locker or an Amazon locker for package deliveries, or have your packages delivered to your workplace. For mail delivery, consider purchasing a mailbox that can be locked.

## SANTA'S MAILBOX MAKES THE HOLIDAYS EVEN MORE MAGICAL

Drop off Letters to Santa by December 13



Children wishing to share their holiday gift lists with Santa Claus can now drop off their letters to Santa in a special North Pole mailbox located in the lobby of the Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza). To receive a return letter from Santa, letters must be dropped off by **Friday, December 13 2024**. Be sure to include the child's name, wish list, and home address so Santa can send a reply.

This magical opportunity is open for all, making the season brighter with a touch of North Pole magic!

## “DECK THE HOMES” 2024 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST NOW OPEN

Show Off Your Decorating Prowess



Spread some holiday cheer and light up your neighborhood! Whether you're a master of twinkling lights, a fan of magical inflatables, or a first-time decorator eager to dazzle, this is your chance to

showcase your festive spirit. Each year, the City of Dublin hosts the "Deck the Homes" Holiday Home Decorating Contest to support those who create festive holiday displays around town. This year, we're decking the halls with exciting categories to suit every decorating style:

- **People's Choice Award:** Dazzle with the best use of lights and vibrant colors.
- **Winter Wonderland Award:** Create a holiday show with music, movement, and technology.
- **Over-Inflated Award:** Show off the most whimsical and fun use of inflatables.
- **Deck the Halls Award:** Make your apartment or balcony shine like never before.
- **Dashing Debut Award:** First-time decorators, this one's for you!
- **Spotlight Award:** Judges' favorite overall display.

The Deadline to enter is **Friday, December 6, 2024**, at 4:00 p.m. [Apply Here](#)

## ENJOY A SPECIAL “BREAKFAST WITH SANTA” THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

This Annual Event Delights Visitors of All Ages



Treat your family to a festive morning at “Breakfast with Santa” on **Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.** Families will enjoy a delicious hot pancake breakfast with sausage, fruit, coffee, and juice, followed by a special visit from Santa Claus himself. Santa will pose for holiday photos after each session, creating magical memories for all attendees! Holiday music will accompany the breakfast, provided by the Dublin High School Music program.

**Cost:** \$15 for residents; \$18 for non-residents, per person, all ages. Visit [www.dublinrecguide.com](http://www.dublinrecguide.com) to purchase tickets. This program benefits the Dublin High School Band Boosters.

## THE WAVE WINTER PROGRAMMING

The Wave Offers Aquatics Programming All Year

Long



Despite the cold weather and the holiday season at our doorsteps, the indoor Natatorium remains comfortable for aquatic recreation. Ninety-two (92) people, including one birthday party reservation, participated in Recreation Swim on November 23 and 24. Additionally, the month of November had 871 fitness swimming reservations and 324 aqua aerobics registrations.

## ‘TIS THE SEASON TO SUPPORT LOCAL

Celebrate Small Business Saturday, November 30



Whether you're staying local or traveling this holiday season, remember to #ShopSmall and support Dublin's small businesses on November 30! Small businesses are the heart of our community, so let's support our local businesses not just on this special day, but all year long.

## KEEPING DUBLIN MOVING DURING

POWER OUTAGES

Hydrogen Fuel Cell Backup Systems Enhance Dublin's Traffic Safety



When power outages occur, either planned or unplanned, ensuring traffic signals remain operational is essential for public safety. To address this need, the City of Dublin has installed hydrogen fuel cell backup systems at 11 major intersections across the community. These innovative systems provide up to 72 hours of continuous power, keeping traffic signals functioning during outages. Since becoming operational in April 2024, they have proven their value by maintaining traffic flow and safety at critical intersections, including Dublin Boulevard and Dougherty Road. For instance, during the October outages in Eastern Dublin and the Western Dublin outage on November 26, these backup systems ensured uninterrupted operation of key traffic signals. This investment highlights Dublin's commitment to transportation safety, innovation, and resilience.

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# DUBLIN POLICE SERVICES

INVITES YOU TO HELP US



# STUFF THE CRUISER

SATURDAY

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DECEMBER

SUNDAY

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FALLON GATEWAY SHOPPING CENTER  
2800 DUBLIN BLVD.

10:00AM-2:00PM



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PLEASE DONATE NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS WHICH WILL  
BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH HIVELY TO CHILDREN IN  
OUR COMMUNITY



*The City of Dublin cordially invites you to join us*

# CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION AND INSTALLATION

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

## PROGRAM

Adoption of Election Results  
from November 5, 2024

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Presentation to Outgoing Councilmember  
Janine Thalblum



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Oath of Office,  
Councilmember Michael McCorriston



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Oath of Office,  
Councilmember John Morada



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Oath of Office,  
Mayor Sherry Hu



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Selection of Vice Mayor for 2025

*VIP Reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Lobby*

# holiday happenings

## HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Do you like to decorate your home for the holidays? Or do you have a neighbor who gets into the holiday spirit with home décor? The City of Dublin invites residents to participate in the Holiday Home Decorating Contest. There are multiple categories to enter and prizes to be won. A winner will be chosen in each category, including a “People’s Choice Award” this year. Visit [www.dublin.ca.gov/holidayhappenings](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/holidayhappenings) for details and entry forms. The deadline to enter is **Friday, December 6, at 4:00 p.m.**

*Free to enter*

## LETTERS TO SANTA

**Monday, November 25 – Friday, December 13**

**Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza**

Write a letter to Santa and drop it off in Santa’s mailbox at 100 Civic Plaza. Be sure to include your name and address so that Santa can send a reply! This magical opportunity is open to all, making the season brighter with a touch of North Pole magic. Letters must be submitted by **Friday, December 13**. Don’t miss out—Santa is excited to hear from you!

*All ages; free*

## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

**Thursday, December 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza**

Come out to the Dublin Civic Center for the annual lighting of the holiday tree! Experience a true Winter Wonderland while enjoying live entertainment, taking a ride on the Clover Express, writing letters to Santa, doing arts and crafts, and taking a photo with Santa himself! Complimentary hot chocolate and cookies will be available.

*Admission is free*

## HOLIDAY DANCESCAPE

**Friday, December 6, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd.**

Kick off the season with friends at the Dublin Senior Center’s annual holiday dance social.

*21 years and older; Residents \$12; Non-Residents \$15; \$20 at the door*

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

*Benefiting Dublin High School music programs*

**Saturday, December 7, at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.**

**Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Ave.**

Santa Claus is coming to Dublin! Families are invited to enjoy a delicious hot pancake breakfast served with sausage, fruit, coffee, and juice, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus! Santa will pose for holiday photos following each session.

*All ages; Residents \$15; Non-Residents \$18*

## WEEKEND WONDERS: WINTER WREATH WORKSHOP

**Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Heritage Park & Museums, 6600 Donlon Way**

Make a winter wreath while enjoying hot chocolate.

*All ages; Residents \$5; Non-Residents \$6;*

*Activity #90112*

## NEED MORE INFO?

[www.dublin.ca.gov/holidayhappenings](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/holidayhappenings)

## REGISTRATION IS EASY!

Register online at [www.DublinRecGuide.com](http://www.DublinRecGuide.com)



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