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Don't wait another minute to sell your stuff ... or find what you've always been looking for.



There's much to do for you and your family during the holidays in Los Angeles.

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Festival of Lights: City's Holiday Tradition Shines

DWP-sponsored event at Griffith Park brings community together during this special time. New this year: Displays commemorating DWP anniversary, City Hall

For the seventh consecutive year, a one-mile stretch of Crystal Springs Drive in Griffith Park will be decorated with thousands of sparkling light displays as the Griffith Park Festival of Lights once again celebrates the holiday spirit, Los Angeles-style.

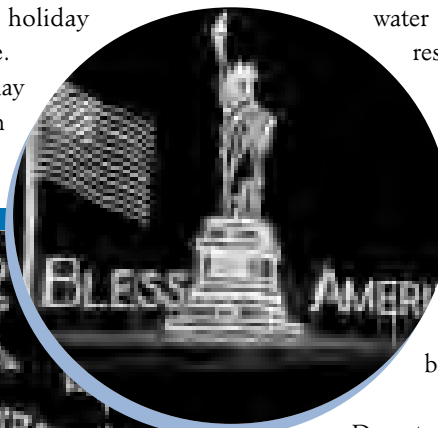
The Festival, a holiday tradition, is once again sponsored by the Los

Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

This year, the annual light festival will feature a new display commemorating LADWP's 100th anniversary of providing essential water and power services to the residents and businesses of the city of Los Angeles. A new City Hall display will be added to the festival, and all of the original light displays have been spruced up – making the lights in this year's festival brighter than ever before.

"The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is proud to be a part of the 'Griffith Park Festival of Lights' because it has become a local holiday fixture symbolizing good spirits during the holiday season," said David Wiggs, LADWP general manager. "It's only fitting that LADWP, the nation's largest municipal utility, provides the lights for the nation's largest municipal park. We look forward to hosting residents from all over Southern California coming together at this wonderful time of year."

The LADWP "Griffith Park Festival of Lights" is free to the public and can be viewed each and every day, November 22 through December 26, between 5 and 10 p.m.



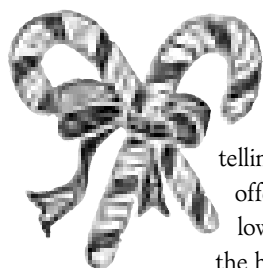
Members of the DWP crew that helped set up last year's Festival of Lights presentation in Griffith Park. This year's celebration opened Nov. 22 and runs through Dec. 26. (Photo courtesy DWP)

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Many Holiday Events Offered For Area Families on a Budget

We've made a list and checked it twice: Alive! presents a great big list of affordable holiday events for Club families.



'Tis the season . . . for holiday family fun. From festivals and parades to outdoor ice skating to storytelling events, the Los Angeles area offers you dozens of no-cost and low-cost opportunities to get into the holiday spirit and learn about different cultures' celebrations.

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Appreciation Day Says Thank You to Custodians

Thursday, Nov. 7, hundreds of custodians for the City of Los Angeles gathered downtown . . . to be thanked.

The fifth annual Custodian Appreciation

Day, sponsored by the Department of General Services and Locals 347 and 777, treated the custodians to lunch and honored more than a dozen individuals for their dedication and service.



Hundreds of City custodians gathered for a luncheon and awards ceremony that recognized their outstanding efforts. The event was held downtown November 7.

It was also an opportunity for elected officials, departments and citizens to express their appreciation, too. Mayor Jim Hahn led the appreciation by thanking those in attendance, and giving them his wishes for everyone working toward a unified Los Angeles. (The appreciation day came just two days after the November

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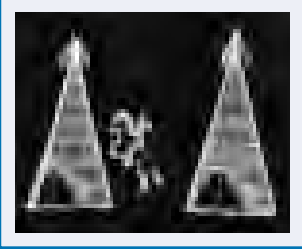
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Holiday Events for the Whole Family

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When, Where, How to Get There

Don't miss the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (DWP) free Festival of Lights in Griffith Park,



presented in conjunction with the city's Department of Recreation and Parks. The spectacular lighting extravaganza will feature lighted displays of City Hall, Staples Center, Venice Beach, the Hollywood sign, the Statue of Liberty, a "season's greetings" freight ship (for the Port of Los Angeles), a plane taking off (for Los Angeles World Airports), animals

The Festival of Lights

(for the Los Angeles Zoo), two 100-foot tunnels of light, and much more. Plus, the DWP will unveil its new lighting display that celebrates its century of service in Los Angeles.

Lisa Tashiro, the DWP's festival coordinator, spoke of the DWP's and Department of Recreation and Parks' partnership in presenting this Winter Wonderland. She noted, "The event is symbolic of our proud shared history



of service to the people of Los Angeles."

The event runs from 5 to 10 p.m. nightly Nov. 22 to Dec. 26. Tashiro recommends that, to avoid long lines, you attend Monday through Thursday and consider parking at the Zoo and strolling the walking path instead of driving. In addition, on weekends you can park in the Zoo lot and hop on a shuttle (that runs from 7 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and from



6 to 10 pm Saturdays and Sundays) to take you through the festival.

To drive through the

festival, exit the Golden State (5) Freeway at Los Feliz, go west and turn right onto Crystal Springs Drive, then proceed to the entrance. To view the festival on foot, park at the Los Angeles Zoo. Also, Toys for Needy Children encourages you to bring a new, unwrapped toy for children (from tots through teens) to the festival. For more information on the event, call (323) 913-4688.



A Sleighful of Other Holiday Events

Here are just a handful of the many other terrific activities to consider fitting into your schedule during the holidays. (Since Hanukkah took place during the first week in December this year, most Hanukkah-related events already have been held.) Please always double-check event schedules and other details ahead of time, as they can change.

Chatsworth Holiday Parade (19th annual)



FEATURES: Bands, drill teams, floats, automobiles, equestrians and more; Mark Kriski, weather anchor on the KTLA Morning News, as celebrity grand marshal

LOCATION: Starts at Devonshire Street and Topanga Canyon

Boulevard in Chatsworth; ends at Mason Park (off Mason Avenue near Devonshire Street)

DATES AND TIMES: Dec. 15 at 1 p.m.

COST: Free

CONTACT: (818) 428-3261

Descanso Gardens' Holiday Festival



FEATURES: Poinsettia Gallery and Christmas tree displays; holiday marketplace; visits and photos with Santa Claus

LOCATION: Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Dr., La Cañada

DATES AND TIMES: Dec. 7 through

Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; check details on special holiday brunch and family night events

COST: Adults: \$5; seniors, students and youth: \$3;

children: \$1; Guild members and children under 5: free

CONTACT: www.descansogardens.org, (818) 949-4200

Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square



FEATURES: Los Angeles' only outdoor skating rink; entertainment and outdoor arts and crafts boutiques

LOCATION: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., Los Angeles

DATES AND TIMES: Nov. 21 through Jan. 20; Mondays through Thursdays

from noon to 9 p.m.; and Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; check on special vacation hours and "Friday Freeze Zones"

COST: Public skating: \$6; skate rental: \$2; hockey slap shot: \$2

CONTACT: (213) 847-4970

Family Days: Winter Tales



FEATURES: Participatory tour for children and families; holiday stories

LOCATION: Norton Simon Museum of Art, 411 W. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena

DATES AND TIMES: Dec. 21, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

COST: Adults: \$6; seniors: \$3; teens and children (18 and under): free; students with I.D. and museum members: free

CONTACT: www.nortonsimon.org, (626) 449-6840

Festival Navideño Christmas Annual Street Fair



FEATURES: Free toys for the first 10,000 kids; families from 21 Latin nations; carnival rides, games, arts and crafts, traditional foods and beverages, and more

LOCATION: Broadway and Daly Street, Lincoln Heights

(near downtown)

DATES AND TIMES: Dec. 7 and 8, from noon to 10 p.m.

COST: Free (entrance)

CONTACT: (323) 962-4735



Holiday Spirit of San Pedro Parade (23rd annual)



FEATURES: Bands, drill teams, floats and more; Gayle Anderson of TV station KTLA as celebrity grand marshal

LOCATION: Starts at 17th Street and Pacific Avenue in San Pedro; ends at 5th Street and Palos Verdes Street

DATES AND TIMES: Dec. 8 at 1 p.m.

COST: Free

CONTACT: www.sanpedro.com/xmas/parade.htm, (310) 832-7272 (call for information about possible additional Holiday Festival activities)

Kwanzaa Gwaride Festival and Parade (26th annual)



FEATURES: Parade, entertainment, children's activities and more

LOCATION: Leimert Park Village (bounded by Crenshaw Boulevard, 43rd Street, Leimert Boulevard and Vernon Avenue), Los Angeles

DATES AND TIMES:

Parade: Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. (with some events beforehand); Festival: Dec. 26 to Jan. 1

COST: Free

CONTACT: www.kwanzaapeopleofcolor.homestead.com, (323) 296-1532

Las Posadas at Olvera Street



FEATURES: Presentation of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, with singing and a candlelight procession; entertainment, piñata breaking and more

LOCATION: Olvera Street, 845 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles

DATES AND TIMES: Dec. 16 through Dec. 24, from approximately 6 to 10 p.m.

COST: Free

CONTACT: (213) 625-5045

Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration (43rd annual)



FEATURES: Performances by community and professional choirs, music ensembles and dance companies

LOCATION: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center, 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

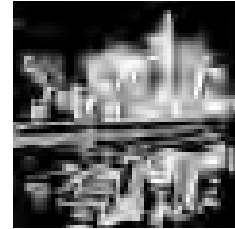
DATES AND TIMES: Dec. 24,

from 3 to 9 p.m.

COST: Free

CONTACT: www.lacountyarts.org/holiday.html, (213) 974-1396 or (213) 972-3099

Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade (40th annual)



FEATURES: More than 70 lighted and decorated boats; fireworks display

LOCATION: Main Channel, Marina del Rey

DATES AND TIMES: Dec. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m.

COST: Free (paid parking in local lots)

CONTACT: www.mdrlights.org, (310) 822-9455

Paska Sa Nayon (Philippine Holiday) Celebration



FEATURES: Musical performances, dancing, traditional foods and more

LOCATION: Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena

DATES AND TIMES: Dec. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m.

COST: Free

CONTACT: www.pacificasiamuseum.org, (626) 449-2742

For information on even more holiday events in the Los Angeles region, visit www.digitalcity.com/losangeles and www.losangelesalmanac.com/topics/Calendar/ca14.htm.

All of us at the City Employees Club hope you enjoy every one of your holiday activities!