



Holiday Happenings



CITY COUNCIL

Santa Goes Hollywood

Santa makes an early holiday appearance at the second annual Santa's Holiday Parade.

Santa's Hollywood Parade – which the City Council resuscitated last year, after the demise of the Hollywood Christmas Parade – arrived in the City Nov. 30 amid marching bands, City Employees and Hollywood types.

This year, a larger event – Hollywood Holiday – was built around the parade. The larger event included performances and family street festival called Winterfest.

Notable City Employees in the parade included Mr. L.A., Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge; City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo; and numerous personnel and equipment from the LAFD.

Winterfest, an all-day street festival, featured a free Radio Disney performance by Disney

Channel actress Demi Lovato. Ms. Lovato starred with the Jonas Brothers in Disney's *Camp Rock*, and her album, *Don't Forget*, debuted at number two on the Billboard 200 chart when it was released in September.

The Hollywood Santa Parade marked the 77th year of Santa parading down Hollywood Boulevard. Thousands of families lined the streets of Hollywood to take part in this Los Angeles tradition, which featured celebrities, marching bands from across the country, equestrian units, floats and Santa Claus.

"I'm excited that the City of Los Angeles was able to help continue the tradition of a parade in Hollywood and to bring a new family event to the Boulevard with Winterfest," said



The LAFD had a strong presence at the parade.



The LAFD's Fire Hogs rumbled down Hollywood Boulevard.

Council President Eric Garcetti.

"The Hollywood Santa Parade is a great holiday tradition that is truly about community," LaBonge said. "It's a chance for us to get together, to see our favorite stars, and to honor the

firefighters and others that make Hollywood such a special place and Los Angeles such a wonderful city."

The City was a major sponsor of the event.



City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo.



Mr. L.A., Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge and his family, ride in the Mayor's parade car, a 1950s-era Chrysler, that was featured in a 2007 cover story in *Alive!*



Santa takes part in his Hollywood Parade.

CITY ATTORNEY

Beary Christmas

City Attorney employers dress up bear dolls for the Salvation Army.

Story and photo courtesy Maria Cruz, City Attorney's Office

The City Attorney's Office participated in the Salvation Army's Holiday Bears program for the first time.

New paralegal Sonia Garcia, who has participated in the program at other locations for six years, got many of the rest of the Office interested in participating.

The City Attorney's Office received the bears "naked" from the Salvation Army. These particular dolls came from Whittier. The City Attorney's Office then dressed the bears and returned them to the Salvation Army, which was to give them away to families in need as Christmas gifts. Food baskets accompanied the bears to the families in need.

Some of the bears dressed by the City Attorney's Office carried a City theme.

The City Attorney's Office had a lot of fun doing the project, and hopes to get even more people interested in helping out next year.

Congratulations to the City Attorney's Office on this excellent charity event for the holidays.



Sonia Garcia of the City Attorney's Office poses with some of the bears dressed for charity by employees in the Office.