



Holiday Happenings



REC AND PARKS

Christmas of A Bygone Era



Banning, Drum Barracks Museums in Wilmington recall the holidays of yesteryear.

The community is invited to welcome in the holiday season by traveling back in time at two Rec and Parks museums in the Wilmington – the Banning Residence Museum, and the Drum Barracks Museum, the City's only surviving Civil War-era military structure.

■ Banning Museum

The community is invited to welcome the holiday season with the annual and festive Victorian Christmas celebration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 5 at the Banning Museum, 401 East M Street, Wilmington, CA 90744. A suggested donation for the event is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. Please call the Banning Museum for further information about the event at (310) 548-7777 or www.thebanning-museum.org

Much research has been done to ensure that the Museum will reflect realism in decor and display a re-creation of a Victorian Christmas. In addition to tours of the Museum, visitors can enjoy free transport on a horse-drawn trolley between the Museum and Drum Barracks

Civil War Museum, as well as specially planned old-fashioned activities. Visit the Stage Coach Barn and enjoy complimentary cookies and hot cider and a visit from jolly St. Nick!

Regular tours of the museum, which will be decorated for the holidays, are also available throughout November and December.

■ Drum Barracks Civil War Museum

You are invited to tour the beautifully decorated museum and experience the holiday as it was celebrated in the Civil War era.

"A Civil War Christmas" is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 4 and 5. Guests can travel in the height of style on the popular horse-drawn, holiday-red trolley. Music will fill the rooms of the Drum Barracks with joyous sounds, and bell ringing will occur. An encampment will be set up on the museum grounds – visit the camp, and learn how Civil War soldiers and their families celebrated the holidays. Arts and crafts of the era will be taught during the weekend, including the decorating of a Soldier's Christmas tree. Admission to Drum Barracks is free for this special event.

Banning Museum Victorian Christmas

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 - 5

Tickets: \$5 (suggested donation; \$1 for children)

Address: 401 E. M St., Wilmington, 90744

Information: (310) 548-7777 or www.thebanningmuseum.org

Drum Barracks Civil War Christmas

Dates: Special event: Dec. 4-5

Regular hours Tues.-Thurs., and Sat.-Sun.

Closed Christmas Day.

Tickets: Free for special event (tickets for regular tours: \$5 suggested donation)

Address: 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington, 90744

Information: (310) 548-7509 or www.drumbarracks.org

ZOO

Santa-mals

Zoo to feature Santa and holiday decorations on weekends as it prepares to open major Elephants of Asia exhibit.

Santa at the L.A. Zoo

When: Weekends Nov. 27 – Dec. 19

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission: Free with regular zoo admission; Santa photos may be extra.

Information: www.lazoo.org

Because the Zoo is very busy planning to open its latest great exhibition – Elephants of Asia – in December, it will not be presenting its annual Reindeer Romp. But there's still fun to be had at the Zoo this holiday.

On holiday weekends from Nov. 27 to Dec. 19, the Zoo will host Santa and feature lots of festive holiday decorations. So there will still be a holiday spirit among the animals.

Access to Santa is included with regular admission. Photos with Santa and other attractions may be at an additional price.

The Zoo is closed on Christmas Day.

Project CARE

(Caring Actions Responding to Elders)

A joint project between the Los Angeles Department of Aging and the Los Angeles Foundation on Aging.

Project CARE is an anti-poverty program targeting low-income seniors by finding sponsors willing to fill their holiday wish list.

We are asking for your help...

Adopt A Senior Today!

Call us, and we will provide you with a senior's wish list and needs. We will collect the gifts starting December 6 through December 10, 2010.

To adopt a Senior, please contact:
Mariella Freire-Reyes @ (213) 252-4042
projectcare@lacity.org



COUNCIL

Christmas on Parade

City's holiday parade is back ... and on nationwide television.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade, sponsored by the City, is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, in Hollywood.

The parade, an American tradition for more than 80 years, will be held the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It will be telecast throughout the nation during December both on the Hallmark Channel, the Hallmark Movie Network, and on local TV stations across the country.

The parade, in operation for more than 80 years, had been known by that name for decades. But when it looked likely to die four years ago, the City – notably Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Tom LaBonge, Club Member – took charge and continued the parade. The name was then

changed to Santa's Hollywood Parade. The original name reverted back last year.

"Last year's parade was a great success, and the 2010 event should be even better," Garcetti and LaBonge wrote in a statement. "We look forward to your support and participation."

The parade will feature entertainers, celebrities, marching bands, floats, equestrian units, food and some reserved grandstand seats, which cost \$35. General admission is free.

The parade starts on Hollywood Boulevard at Orange Street. The U-shaped route follows east to Vine Street, south to Sunset Boulevard and west back to Orange.



Santa at last year's Hollywood Christmas Parade.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade

When: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28

Where: Hollywood, starting at Hollywood Boulevard and Orange Street. See route, above.

Cost: Free; grandstand reserved seating is available for \$35.

Information:
(866) PARADE-1, or
www.thehollywoodchristmasparade.com