

Holiday Happenings



Victorian Christmas at Banning

REC AND PARKS

The Banning Museum to host annual Victorian Christmas celebration.



The community is invited to welcome the holiday season at the Banning Museum's Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration and Open House, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1 - 2 at the Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., in Wilmington.

This free event is open to the public and promises to be a weekend to remember. Visitors will enjoy period entertainment, tours of the museum decorated in holiday splendor, refreshments, a children's craft, a special exhibit on antique Ohio Valley Pottery and a horse-drawn trolley ride between the Banning Museum and Drum Barracks Civil War Museum. To make the event even more fun, this year's event will feature local food and craft vendors, a wreath-making lecture and a blacksmith. As a special treat, a Queen Victoria re-enactor will receive guests for the two days, and Jolly St. Nick will pose for photos with the kids.

The Banning Museum is a Rec and Parks facility, operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit."



Banning Museum Victorian Christmas

When: Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 - 2

Hours: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: The Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., Wilmington.

Cost: Free

Regular museum tours:

Dates: Throughout November and December:

Tues. - Thurs.: 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.; **Sat. - Sun.:** 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Closed Christmas Day

Cost (regular tours): \$5 (suggested donation; \$1 for children)

Information: (310) 548-2005 or www.thebanningmuseum.org



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A Civil War Christmas

Drum Barracks Museum in Wilmington recalls the holidays of yesteryear.

The community is invited to welcome the holiday season by traveling back in time at the Drum Barracks Museum, the City's only surviving Civil War-era military structure. Experience the holiday as it was celebrated in the Civil War era.

The 13th annual "A Civil War Christmas" is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1 - 2. 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.

2012 marks the 25th year that the Drum Barracks is a City facility, 150 years since the building was constructed, and 150 years since the Civil War. Don't miss this special holiday event.

A Civil War Christmas

Dates: Special event: Dec. 1-2
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

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

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15 Years of Ice Downtown

Rec and Parks-sponsored holiday ice rink chills things down starting Nov. 15.

Angelenos can “get their glide on” this holiday season at Downtown on Ice outdoor skating rink. An LA tradition and favorite holiday destination, the community rink boasts a medley of free events, including a festive holiday concert series, a Winter Holiday Festival, championship skating exhibitions and “sneak preview” performances, broomball games, and more.

Celebrating its 15th season for skating under the sun and stars at picturesque Pershing Square, 532 South Olive, the facility is open every day (including holidays) from Nov. 15 through Jan. 21.

Framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical landmarks, the spacious rink has become a popular holiday destination for families, thanks to sponsorship from Rec and Parks and Councilman José Huizar.

Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square is easily accessible by car, bus or Metro. An alliance with Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing their Metro transit receipt/pass. Montebello Bus lines also features a \$1 discount coupon available on buses. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation.

Downtown on Ice

When: Nov. 15 through Jan. 21

Where: Pershing Square, downtown at 532 South Olive, across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel

Hours: Monday – Thursday, noon – 10 p.m.,
Fri.–Sun., 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Special holiday hours for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King

Day: noon to 10 p.m.

Information: laparks.org/pershing-square/ or call (213) 847-4970.
[facebook.com/PershingSquareLA](https://www.facebook.com/PershingSquareLA)



Be a Part of a Club Holiday Tradition

It's Party Pix Time

We want to print pictures from your holiday office party in *Alive!*

*Is your office having a holiday party? Here are two ways to get your holiday office party pictures into the January *Alive!*:*

Take the photos yourself:

Take the photos yourself, and send them in as soon as you can. Digital photos are always best. And make sure you give us a description of the party: when it was, where it was, and if something significant happened, let us know that, too.

If there are just a few photos, then email them to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. But if there are a lot, then it's best to burn them onto a CD and deliver (or mail) the CD to the Club. The address is on the inside front cover. Make sure the photos are as high resolution as you can make them.

We'll take your holiday photos for you:

Let us know when your holiday party is, and we'll try to send a photographer. *Please note:* There are more City holiday parties than we can cover, but we will try. That's why it's best to send in your own photos. If you want us to cover your party, talk to your Club Rep (Arlene Herrero, Angel Gomez, Jackie Causillas, Gedina Bergstrom or Noelle Kauffman) or email Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, at rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com. We'll do our best to get to as many parties as we can, but we can't guarantee it. But let us know.



See you at the party!



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COUNCIL

Christmas on Parade

City's holiday parade is set for Nov. 25.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade, sponsored by the City, is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, in Hollywood.

The parade, an American tradition for more than 80 years, is held traditionally the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It will be telecast live locally and throughout the nation on the Hallmark Channel and in national syndication during December. Check local listings.

The parade had been known by that name for decades. But when it looked likely to die five years ago, the City – notably Councilmen Eric Garcetti and Tom LaBonge, Club Member – took charge and restored the parade. The name was then changed to Santa's Hollywood Parade. The original name reverted back three years ago.

This year, the parade plans to work with the Marine Toys for Tots campaign.

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.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade

When: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25

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

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

Parking: Hollywood and Highland Center, \$2 for first two hours; \$10 max.

Metro: Red Line station, Hollywood and Highland.

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



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All Aboard for The North Pole

Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park offers its miniature train ride to the North Pole.

For the ninth consecutive year, Travel Town Train Museum's Travel Town Railroad in Griffith Park is hosting a unique holiday event starring Santa Claus and thousands of dancing lights and beautiful music. On weekends from Nov. 24 to Dec. 9, and then nightly through Dec. 23, families will be able to take a miniature train ride to visit Santa at his house at the North Pole.

Once they arrive they will visit with Santa, get a picture with him, if desired, then get back on the train to return home along a decorated and music-filled track. Each child will receive a candy cane and a special little gift.

While waiting for Santa the kids and parents can visit with Rudolph and one of Santa's helper elves.

This event is operated by Travel Town Railroad in cooperation with Rec and Parks. It is

a wonderful alternative to visits to the mall.

Starting at 5 p.m., families may enter the museum and board the miniature train ride at the decorated station. While waiting to board they will be entertained by a dazzling dancing light show and a special corner of the museum where snowmen live and it snows all the time!

Once aboard, they will travel past the decorated train barn and Santa's Workshop to arrive at the North Pole. There they will disembark and visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and Erin the Elf. Digital photographs will be available for \$6. Families may take their own pictures if they wish. After they have finished their visit, guests will re-board the train and travel along the decorated quarter-mile of track back to the station. The Travel Town Museum Gift Shop will be open most evenings.

Travel Town Train Ride to Visit Santa

Dates: Weekends from Nov. 24-Dec. 9, and then nightly through Dec. 23 (weather permitting; trains do not operate in the rain)

Times: 5 until about 8 p.m.

Where: Travel Town Transportation Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park

Cost: \$7 per person; infants under 18 months ride free. (Photos with Santa cost \$6 each)

Tickets are available by reservation for specific days and may be bought at the Travel Town ticket booth. Tickets will be sold to walk-ups at the gate until capacity is reached.

Information: (323) 662-9678, www.griffithparktrainrides.com/content/travel-town-santa-train



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The Club Christmas Tree.
Toy drive.

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The Club Store Is Holiday Headquarters!

With activities and lots of great Club services, the Club Store is a perfect place to start your holiday shopping!

Here's what's in store for you this Christmas season at the Club Store:

- ❖ **Gift Central:** Buy fantastic Club merchandise that will be great under your tree.
- ❖ **Movie tickets** make great for stocking-stuffers.
- ❖ **Decorate the Club Tree!** When you stop by the Club, write your name on an ornament (provided), representing you or your department, and hang it on our Club Christmas Tree. Join the Club family this holiday.
- ❖ **Toy Drive:** Bring an unwrapped gift to be given away as part of the Club's Toy Drive.



The Club Store is located at:
120 West 2nd Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012