

Holiday Happenings

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Lighting Plays Santa

Lockwood Elementary benefits from Street Lighting's huge spirit of giving.

Story and photo courtesy Richard Lee, Public Works

Public Works/Street Lighting employees donated more than 700 toys to Lockwood Elementary School Dec. 6 as a result of the Bureau's annual toy drive and holiday toy distribution. "This year's donation to Lockwood greatly exceeded our expectations," said Field Operations Superintendent Chris Moseman, who coordinates the annual drive. "We are very pleased that, thanks to the generosity of our staff, every student will receive a toy."

Lockwood officials first review the toys for appropriateness before deciding on recipients, to make sure they are distributed properly.

More than 520 students are enrolled at Lockwood Elementary, which is directly behind the Street Lighting Field Operations Division facility at 4550 Santa Monica Blvd. The Bureau has nearly 200 employees.



Lockwood Elementary School Principal Ruth Hamanaka and Public Works/Street Lighting Field Operations Superintendent Chris Moseman stop at the Christmas tree after the annual Street Lighting holiday toy distribution to the school today. This year, Street Lighting employees donated more than 700 toys to Lockwood.

REC AND PARKS

Skating Through January

Rec and Parks-sponsored Holiday on Ice continues through Jan. 21.

The holidays might be over, but Downtown on Ice continues offering family fun. Celebrating its 15th season for skating under the sun and stars at picturesque Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., the facility is open every day (including holidays) 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: 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 New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day: noon to 10 p.m.

Information: laparks.org/pershing-square/ or call (213) 847-4970.
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COUNCIL

Council on Parade

City Council's Hollywood Christmas Parade a success.

Photos by Jason Toth, courtesy Hollywood Christmas Parade

An estimated tens of thousands of spectators enjoyed the Hollywood Christmas Parade Nov. 25.

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

Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Club Members Tom LaBonge and Jan Perry participated. The parade featured entertainers, celebrities, marching bands, floats, equestrian units and food.

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



Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



A Woody-like inflatable.



The U.S. Marines band participated.



Pacific American volunteers.



The Long Beach Junior Concert Band.



Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member.



Councilmember Eric Garcetti.



Santa made an appearance. Photo by Mike Burk.



Grand Marshal Joe Mantegna.