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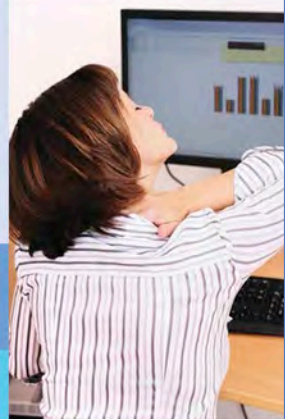
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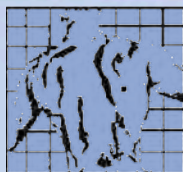
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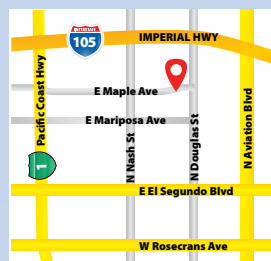
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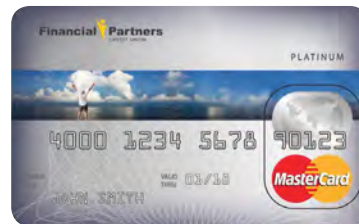
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EVENTS

Special Events

36th Annual Harry Sutter Memorial Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot Fun Run

Thursday, November 26
8am

Don't feel guilty enjoying your Thanksgiving feast. Start the day by participating in the 36th Annual Harry Sutter Memorial Thanksgiving Day 3-Mile Fun Run. Presented by the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation and the City of Torrance Community Services Department, the 3-mile fun run will start and finish Sam's Club parking lot (Torrance Crossroads Center). This event will also feature a post-run prize drawing at 9:15am, where participants will be offered a chance to win mountain bikes, dinner vouchers, gym memberships and much more! But don't worry if you don't win one of the prizes because all registered participants will receive a Turkey Trot shirt. Available shirt sizes will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants and spectators alike are encouraged to contribute to the Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive. Donations will be given to people in need throughout the South Bay.



Register online for the 36th Annual Turkey Trot at Eventbrite.com. For more information, please call 310-618-2930.

TURKEY TROT RACE DAY SCHEDULE

6:30-7:30am, Check-in/Registration

7:30-7:50am, Warm-up/Announcements

8am, 3-Mile Fun Run Begins

9:15am, Post-Run Prize Drawing

Sam's Club, 2601 Skypark Drive, Torrance, 90505

Cost: \$30-35 Registration Fee

Info: <http://www.torranceca.gov/Parks/20996.htm>

Redondo Beach Veterans Day Tribute at Veterans Park

Wednesday, November 11
1pm

Spend Veterans Day at Veterans Park to honor the brave men and women who have served our country.

Attendees will be able to enjoy a performance by the Redondo High Wind Ensemble as well as words from Local Redondo resident and keynote speaker, Rear Admiral Sandra E. Adams, USNR, Deputy Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command. The Redondo High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC and Boy Scouts will also be in attendance.

The service will be followed by a barbecue picnic sponsored by the Redondo Elks. Food is free for all veterans and members of the military; however, a \$5 donation is requested from all other attendees. Please call Karen Buchanan at 208-473-6626 to RSVP for the barbecue picnic.

Veterans Park, 309 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, 90277 (at the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Catalina Avenue)

Cost: Free admission for all Veterans and members of the military/\$5 donation for all other attendees

Info: <http://www.redondo.org/civica/filebank/blobload.asp?BlobID=23373>

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21st Annual Holiday Open House and 26th Annual Pier Lighting

Wednesday, November 18
6-9pm

Your local Manhattan Beach merchants want to thank you for your patronage this year by hosting the 21st Annual Holiday Open House. Downtown restaurants will be serving sample bites, in addition to their everyday dining menu, and shops will be sure to have excellent Christmas gift ideas. All participating businesses will be open until 9pm.

The annual Holiday Open House will celebrate along with the City of Manhattan Beach Pier Lighting Ceremony at 6pm. The event will kick off with live entertainment at Metlox Plaza. At 7pm, the Mayor will turn on the holiday lights all along the Pier!

Enjoy the festive tunes by carolers and strolling musicians throughout downtown. And don't forget to visit Santa and his helpers at the Bank of America parking lot!

Also, please be advised of street closures related to the event. Manhattan Avenue will be closed from 9th Street to Manhattan Beach Boulevard from 4-9pm. Manhattan Beach Boulevard from Ocean Drive to the Strand will be closed from 4-9pm.

Downtown Manhattan Beach and Manhattan Beach Pier, 2 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, 90266

Cost: Free admission

Info: <http://www.ci.manhattan-beach.ca.us/city-services/parks-and-recreation/special-events/pier-lighting-and-open-house>

32nd Annual Torrance Memorial Holiday Festival

Tuesday, December 1 –
Sunday, December 6

Various dates and times – please visit website for details

Where can you find a 30,000-square-foot tent with 3-dozen ornate Christmas trees, the aroma of sweet and savory treats, and the sound of music and dancing? Not at the North Pole, but at Torrance Memorial Medical Center's 32nd Annual Holiday Festival.

The South Bay will get a taste of this winter wonderland, where Santa and his sleigh will greet guests under the big white tent that transforms the medical center's parking lot into a holiday haven.

Celebrate with family-friendly entertainment that includes cookie decorating, face painting, boutique shopping, a festival food court and an opportunity drawing where you can purchase tickets for a chance to win a 2016 Lexus RC350.

The Holiday Festival will also feature a fashion show and luncheon with boutique shopping, a festival dinner and auction night as well as a special lunch with Santa. This year's event will support the Torrance Memorial Medical Center, so come out and support the community!

The annual fundraising event for the medical center began in 1984 and has since become a South Bay tradition that also hosts a Christmas tree exhibit, featuring more than 30 beautifully themed trees decorated by community members and South Bay businesses.

At Medical Center Drive and Skypark Drive (in the parking lot), 3330 Lomita Boulevard, Torrance, 90505

Cost: \$5 General Admission/\$125 per person Festival Fashion Show/\$300 per person or \$550 per couple Festival Gala/\$15 per person Lunch with Santa

Info: http://www.torrancememorial.org/Giving/Events/Holiday_Festival.aspx

5th Annual Holiday Concert & Santa on the Pier

Saturday, December 12
3-5pm

Spend some time with Santa on the Redondo Beach Pier, where he will be hanging around with his surfboard and grooving to live holiday music!

Get in the spirit of giving and bring a new, unwrapped toy worth \$5 or more. The gifts will be given to a local charity—just think of all the holiday cheer you will bring to families in your community! A raffle ticket will be rewarded for each toy donated, allowing attendees the opportunity to win pier prizes.

Redondo Beach Pier, 100 Fisherman's Wharf, Redondo Beach, 90277

Cost: Free admission

Info: <http://www.redondopier.com/event/5th-annual-holiday-concert-santa-on-the-pier/>



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The Aquarium of the Pacific

Autumn Festival - A Celebration of Asian Culture

Saturday, November 7 from 9am-5pm

Sunday, November 8 from 9am-5pm

Delve into the arts, cuisines, cultures and marine environments of Asia during the Aquarium of the Pacific's 14th Annual Autumn Festival. The Autumn Festival highlights the traditions and cultures of Japan, China, Korea and the Philippines through a weekend of learning opportunities and family entertainment celebrating the rich diversity of Asian and Asian-American cultures. The festival will feature traditional crafts, music, dance, cultural arts exhibits, ethnic cuisine, storytelling and much more. Move to the sounds of Taiko drumming and watch dancers, acrobats and martial arts demonstrations. Try your hand at origami and purchase hand-made crafts.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Day

Saturday, November 14

9am-5pm

Find out what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) can do for you, our nation and our world at this annual event. The event will feature interactive booths where you can learn more about a variety of NOAA programs, the ocean and weather. Learn how NOAA, a government agency, works to understand and predict changes in Earth's environment to help protect people and property and to conserve and manage coastal and marine resources.



Disneyland® Resort

Holidays at the Aquarium

Saturday, December 5 -

Thursday, December 24

9am-6pm

Celebrate the holiday season at the Aquarium this December. Starting December 5, snow will fall daily in the Great Hall, the Aquarium will be decked with festive décor and the Aquarium's costumed characters will appear in their holiday outfits. On weekends, in December, choirs will perform carols, and a snow play area will be set up on the front lawn. On December 5 and 6 the Aquarium will host its annual "Holiday Treats for the Animals" festival. On December 12 and 13 the Aquarium will be collecting toys for the annual Spark of Love Toy Drive. On December 5, 6, 19 and 20 kids can take photos with Santa!

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Saturday, November 21 -

Sunday, January 3

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Santa and Reindeer make the perfect family photo.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

November 30, Official Tree Lighting

December 3-25, Nightly Tree Lighting

December 26-30, Holiday Fireworks

December 31, Kids' New Year's Eve celebration from 3-6pm with fireworks and a "Brick Drop" at 6pm on December 31(space limited).

Please note that the park is closed on select Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the winter season. Show times are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.

For more event information or hours of operation, visit www.LEGOLAND.com.

San Diego Zoo: Jungle Bells

*Saturday, December 12 –
Wednesday, December 23*

*Friday, December 25 –
Thursday, December 31*

*Friday, January 1 –
Sunday, January 3
9am-8pm*

The San Diego Zoo will ring in the holidays with its annual Jungle Bells event, presented by the California Coast Credit Union. The event will feature seasonal decorations and animal

shaped sculptures. Guests can hop on the Twinkle Light Trolley for a specialized tour of the wild décor. During the event, Dr. Zoolittle will be performing his own take on the story, "Night Before Christmas." Visitors can top off the enchanting experience by visiting Santa until December 25!

Disneyland® Resort

Holidays at the *Disneyland®* Resort have always been a perfect time for making magical memories with family and friends. But this year, from November 13 through January 6, the spirit of the season takes on the added dazzle of the Diamond Celebration!

In *Disneyland®* Park, cheer with delight as you watch the festive "A Christmas Fantasy" Parade by day and catch "Paint the Night" Parade after dark. Then be awed by another Diamond Celebration nighttime spectacular—"Disneyland Forever," a street-to-sky immersive experience combining fireworks with amazing visual effects. And of course, you'll also find special seasonal versions of popular attractions—Haunted Mansion Holiday, the Jingle Cruise and the heartwarming It's A Small World holiday.

Over in *Disney California Adventure®* Park, bask in the glow of Buena Vista Street all decked out with holiday trimmings. Cruise into Cars Land, where the residents of Radiator Springs display

their homespun holiday décor. And in Paradise Pier, home to the nightly "World of Color" show, enjoy the festivities of *Disney ¡Viva Navidad!* featuring traditional Hispanic holiday cuisine and entertainment and culminating in a very special Three Kings Day celebration in January.

This year, Holidays at the *Disneyland®* Resort shines brighter than ever during the Diamond Celebration. Don't miss a single, unforgettable moment of this sparkling season of magic, wonder and joy.

Don't forget to use your smart phone for easy theme park access at the Main Entrance turnstiles. It's easier and more convenient than ever before!

Attractions and entertainment are subject to change without notice.

Universal Studios Hollywood

"Grinchmas" at Universal Studios Hollywood is an annual Wholiday celebration that reimagines the endearing classic tale of "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" for a whole new generation of kids and parents to enjoy. The "Grinchmas" celebration brings to life the town of Who-ville, featuring energetic performances by Martha May Whovier and the Who Dolls, along with appearances by The Grinch and his adorable dog Max throughout the family-friendly event. The event runs December 5 through January 3. Visit UniversalStudiosHollywood.com to learn more about this special holiday celebration.

Knott's Merry Farm

Knott's Merry Farm is the perfect place to make holiday memories, offering even more ways to get in the spirit this season! Starting November 21 to January 3, Snoopy and a cast of world-class ice skaters will be performing *Merry Christmas, Snoopy!*, an incredible new





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ice show filled with whimsy and remarkable skating. In Santa's Christmas Cabin, guests can share their wish lists with jolly ol' St. Nick, himself, and savor some of Knott's world famous holiday treats.

Take a trip back in time and celebrate Christmas in the Old West town of Calico. Guests can climb aboard the Calico Railroad for Christmas on Engine 41 and meet Ghost Town residents eager to share their holiday plans. Those looking for great gift ideas can shop Knott's Christmas Crafts Village, a shopping wonderland where local artisans demonstrate their craft and sell their unique wares.

Each evening, come watch as Snoopy lights up the night in the *Snoopy's Merriest Tree Lighting* show, and then take a walk down Ghost Town's Main Street as thousands of sparkling lights dance to the beat of familiar holiday music while snow gently falls.

Make fun part of your holiday tradition at Knott's Merry Farm!

Six Flags Magic Mountain

It's the most wonderful time of the year as Six Flags Magic Mountain celebrates Holiday in the Park featuring thrilling rides, tasty treats and exciting family entertainment for the holiday season. From November 27 to January 3, the park is transformed into a winter wonderland with thousands of colorful lights, carolers performing classic yuletide favorites and personalized meet-and-greets with Santa and his helpers.

The Six Flags Plaza area will transform into a kaleidoscope of lights, featuring hundreds of thousands of lights on trees, buildings and attractions. An array of water and lights will create a one-of-a-kind holiday tree in the fountain area, while carolers wel-

come guests as they enter this magical scene. A holiday show featuring contemporary music and dancing will be spotlighted on the Full Throttle stage. Crafts and spiced-up holiday treats will be the focal point in the 'Winter Wonderland' Mining Town area of the park and a classic Santa Claus visiting area will anchor this picture-perfect setting. DC UNIVERSE will feature a dazzling spectacle-of-lights show featuring contemporary holiday music set to one of the largest programmed light shows on the West Coast with millions of lighting variations, programmed using tens of thousands of lights.

Enjoy all the wonderful aromas of the season while satisfying your appetite and quenching your thirst with hot chocolate, cider, custom fudge, holiday-inspired funnel cake flavors and many other traditional favorites.

Madame Tussauds Hollywood

Madame Tussauds Hollywood welcomes Her Majesty The Queen of the UK in honor of the historic milestone of her officially becoming the longest-reigning monarch in British history.

Prince Harry, Prince William and Duch-

ess Catherine join her figure. All figures will be staying at Madame Tussauds Hollywood for a limited time only.

Queen Elizabeth's wax figure is fitted in an exact replica of the dress she wore for her official Diamond Jubilee portrait. Madame Tussauds studio artists were invited to the Palace to obtain exact measurements, photos and detailed notes of the dress. It is embellished with approximately 10,000 Swarovski crystals, which took over 60 hours to complete. Her jewelry is all handmade and includes the George IV State Diadem, the Garter Star, the Garter Badge, the insignia of the Royal Order of George V and George VI, and Colette necklace and earrings.

Madame Tussauds has had a long-standing relationship with the Royal Family, dating back to William IV, who was the Monarch when Madame Tussaud herself first opened the attraction in 1835. Her Majesty the Queen has been modeled more than 20 times and has given the studio team six personal sittings over the years. Each figure involved more than 250 detailed measurements, 20 skilled artists and 3 months to create at a cost of approximately \$300,000.



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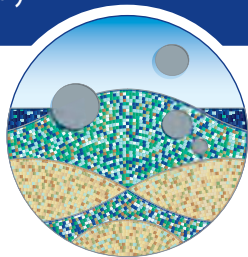
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Performing Arts

A Christmas Carol

Saturday, December 12 –
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In 19th Century England, the ghosts of Christmases past, present and future show a stingy and ill-tempered, Ebenezer Scrooge, the consequences of being selfish and greedy in this classic Christmas story. A lesson learned, Scrooge wakes up on Christmas morning overcome with joy. He decides to spend time with family and practices a few acts of generosity. Don't miss out on this spectacular production at the Long Beach Playhouse for the fourth year in a row!

Long Beach Playhouse (Mainstage Theatre), 5021 E. Anaheim Street, Long Beach, 90804

Cost: Tickets start at \$24 (\$10 for Preview Show and \$27 for Opening Night and Champagne Gala)

Info: <http://www.lbplayhouse.org/show/a-christmas-carol-2015/>

A Cirque Christmas

Friday, December 18 –
Saturday, December 19
8pm

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Seegerstrom Center for the Arts (Renee and Henry Seegerstrom Concert Hall), 600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa, 92626

Cost: Tickets start at \$45

Info: <http://www.scfta.org/events/detail.aspx?id=12544>



Allyssa Bross & Ulrik Birkkjær; *The Prince & Marie*
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The Nutcracker REDONDO BEACH

Saturday, December 26
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Sunday, December 27
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"The Nutcracker" ballet, based on the story "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," by E.T.A. Hoffman, tells the story of Clara and her beloved nutcracker, a Christmas gift from godfather Drosselmeyer. When Clara falls asleep she dreams of a world where her nutcracker comes to life, saves her from the evil Mouse King and becomes a prince. Performed by the Los Angeles Ballet.

This 2-act ballet, first choreographed in the late 1800s by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov with a score from Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, is a wonderful story sure to get the family in the holiday spirit!

Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 1935 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Redondo Beach, 90278

Cost: Tickets start at \$35.50

Info: <http://losangelesballet.org/the-nutcracker>

COSTA MESA

Thursday, December 10 –
Sunday, December 20

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A new Southern California tradition begins with American Ballet Theatre's newest Nutcracker, created by Artist in Residence Alexei Ratmansky and featuring sets and costumes from Richard Hudson (Broadway's *Lion King*). A cast of more than 100 performers - including students from our own ABT William J. Gillespie School - accompany young Clara on a dreamlike journey amid colorful, larger-than-life scenery, magical toy soldiers, mischievous mice, sparkling snowflakes, and a glittering Christmas tree!

Seegerstrom Center for the Arts (Seegerstrom Hall), 600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa, 92696

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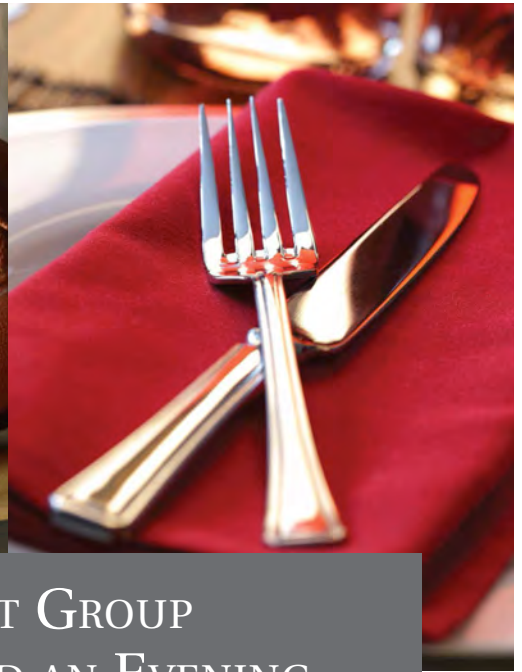
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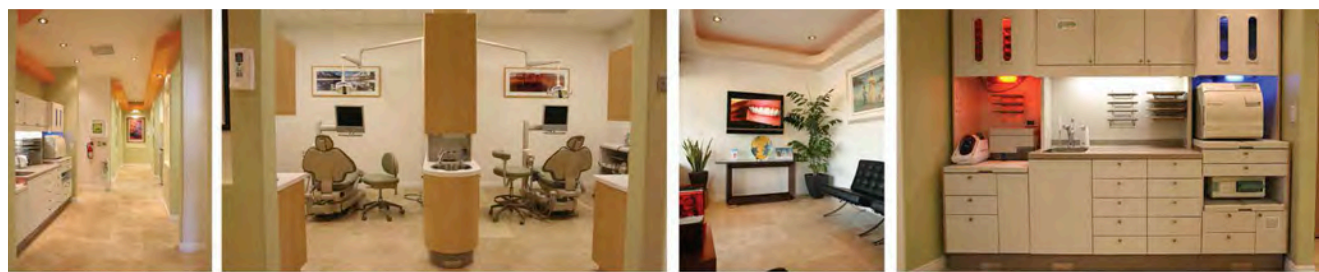


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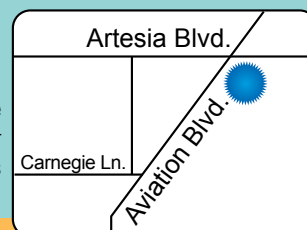
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