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Andy's Updates shares news about the Anaheim community each month.

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Holiday tree lighting!

Downtown Anaheim fills with holiday cheer this weekend with the return of the **Nutcracker Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Village**.

This annual event, now in its 28th year, includes a **tree lightening**, **holiday village**, a **choir and other music**, a **visit with Santa**, a **processional by Santa and Mrs. Claus**, a **gingerbread house contest**, **games**, **crafts** **food** and more.



Here are event details:

- **When:** Saturday, Dec. 3
- **Time:** noon, vendors and crafts; 6 p.m. tree lighting
- **Where:** Feldhaus Circle on Center Street Promenade near Clementine Street
- **Parking:** downtown structures along Center Street, at Broadway and Mito Way

Here's the day's schedule:

- **12-5 p.m.:** kids holiday entertainment
- **12-8 p.m.:** vendors and crafts along Center Street Promenade
- **1 p.m.:** Candy Canine Costume Contest
- **3-5 p.m.:** visit with Santa

- **5:45 p.m.:** Santa and Mrs. Claus processional down Center Street Promenade
- **6 p.m.:** tree lighting, performances by Sean Oliu, Anaheim Ballet and Anaheim Union High School District school choirs

The event, sponsored by the city of Anaheim, Anaheim Public Utilities, the Anaheim Community Foundation and other community groups and businesses, is one of **two holiday tree lightings** in Anaheim. More information, including a list of vendors, can be found [here](#).

For our friends in **west Anaheim**, a tree will be **lit nightly at Twila Reid Park** starting Saturday through Jan. 2.

You're welcome to join for the nightly tree lighting at the northwest corner of Twila Reed Park along Halliday Street.

While you're downtown, plan on stopping by Muzeo Museum's holiday model train exhibit, **Muzeo Express**, in the historic Carnegie Galleries. **Entry is free on Saturday, Dec. 3!** [Click here](#) to watch a video showcasing last year's exhibit.

Holiday lights decorating contest

Dust off those storage boxes filled with string lights, holiday inflatables and holiday-themed statues and get them plugged into position for the annual **Anaheim Beautiful Holiday Lights contest**.

This bright and cheerful contest encourages Anaheim residents to **decorate their home, business or apartment community** with lights in celebration of the holiday season.

One winner from **each of the six City Council districts** will be selected. Winners for the **Miss Anaheim Beautiful Choice Award** and **Anaheim Public Utilities LED light display** will be selected citywide.



Entering the contest is easy. Simply email contact@anaheimbeautiful.org with a **photo of your home, business or community**, the property owner's **name, address, phone number** and **email**. If your display is made up of entirely LED lights, be sure to indicate that too.

The **deadline** to finish decorating and submit entries is **Dec. 11**.

Stay tuned to the city's Facebook and Instagram accounts where we'll share a **Google map** after Dec. 12 with the addresses of winning entries, along with others recognized as **Gold Star properties** that have participated in years past and are worthy of a visit too!

Learn more about Anaheim Beautiful at Anaheimbeautiful.org.

Anaheim TV at your fingertips

Anaheim TV, your city's 24-hour channel, is now conveniently available online in high definition at Anaheim.net/TV.

The web broadcast, brought to us by Andy Anaheim, our city's mascot, is the **same as seen on Spectrum cable channel 3 and AT&T U-verse channel 99**.

It's an **easy way** to see programming from your city on your **phone, tablet, computer or TV** whenever you want.



And it **looks great!**

Unlike our Spectrum cable TV broadcast, which is over a standard definition frequency, **Anaheim.net/TV is in full-screen high definition**.

You can see Anaheim.net/TV on a TV through a TV **web browser or by using AirPlay or Chromecast** to send the broadcast to your TV.

It's a great way to watch **City Council meetings** and see feature programming on **city events** and **topics and places of interest** in Anaheim.

There's also a **videos on demand** feature where you can click to play recent and past Council meetings as well as informative and fun videos about Anaheim.

So check out Anaheim.net/TV today!

Beware of holiday utility scams

Scammers don't take a break during the holidays. In fact, we usually see an increase in suspicious activity this time of year.

Many times, scammers will call and **pose as someone with Anaheim Public Utilities** and demand immediate payment on your account, ask for your personal information or threaten service disconnection.

Always know, **Anaheim Public Utilities will never demand immediate payment** or payment through a prepaid card or third party app, and we'll **never call to ask for your personal information over the phone**.



If you suspect a scammer is on the line, hang up and **report the call** to Anaheim Public Utilities by calling the number on your utility bill or dialing 311 when in Anaheim.

If you need assistance paying your utility bill, Anaheim Public Utilities stands ready to help. Visit Anaheim.net/utilities for more information.



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