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## Holiday Lights can be Energy Efficient



Nothing brings out the magic of the holidays like a dazzling display of lights. Whether you are trying to

create a winter wonderland on a patio or you simply want to jazz up the interior of your home, the right lighting configuration is an essential component in any holiday decorating project. But additional lighting displays in your home can add to your monthly energy costs. Look for more efficient options such as LED lights to cut down on creeping holiday expenses while

continuing to enjoy your festive decorations. LED lights carry a higher initial cost, but offer long-lasting performance and energy-efficient operation. Also, illuminate items that are not easily connected to electrical outlets such as wreaths, holiday foliage arrangements and other decorative accents with the use of battery-operated light strands. Have a safe and happy holiday!

## Waterfront Steel: The Tidelands Sculpture

Waterfront Steel: The Tidelands Sculpture Exhibition, a collection of eight large-scale steel sculptures by internationally celebrated conceptual artist Bernar Venet — is being installed at locations around San Diego Bay. The exhibit is presented by the

Port of San Diego in partnership with Scott White Contemporary Art. Venet sculptures have been exhibited around the world in major cities in the United States, Asia, Europe, Middle East and South America. The sculptures will be on loan

to the Port of San Diego for one year from November 2008 to October 2009. Venet's steel sculptures will be on display at Harbor Island, Harbor Drive and Embarcadero Marina Park locations.

## December is the Month for Champagne

December is the month of cocktail parties, brunches, surprise drop-ins, potluck dinners, family reunions and, of course, toasts. Translation: a time for the most versatile and festive drink there is—Champagne, which flatters those you pour it for and brings everyone together in celebration. So many holiday traditions are left for the last minute, why not

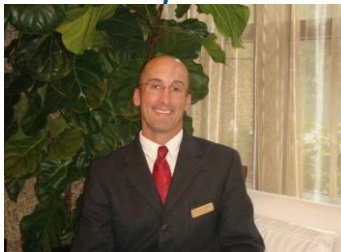
make entertaining on the "fly" a breeze? Sparkling wine or Champagne is ideal for holiday entertaining. All you need to ensure a simple and successful party is to add an assortment of cheeses, like Brie, Camembert, Chevre, Colby, Edam, Asiago, Parmesan, Gouda, Swiss, a tray of crackers, a baguette and... Viola! There's no more cheerful

holiday choice than Champagne, and it's so easy to store. Keep two or three bottles chilled for unexpected guests or "good news" toasts!



*Holiday Lights at the California Tower*

### **Your Concierge Team**

**David****Stephen****Steven***2007 Big Bay Balloon Parade*

## **December Nights at Balboa Park**

San Diego's favorite kick-off to the holiday season, December Nights, will take place for the 31st consecutive year on Friday, December 5, 5-10 pm and Saturday, December 6, noon-10 pm. In the spirit of the holidays, participating Balboa Park museums open their doors free of charge from 5 to 9 pm both evenings. The largest free community festival in San Diego, December Nights is expected to attract more than 300,000 visitors total. Don't miss the tradition of food from around the globe at the International Christmas Festival at the House of Pacific Relations Cottages.

## **Holiday Boat Parade of Lights**

Saturday, December 13 at 7 pm, expect more than 100 decorated and illuminated power and sail boats to participate in the Mission Bay Parade of Lights. The parade begins at the Quivira Basin and follows a five-mile route along the shore of Mission Bay. Best viewing is from Crown Point, the east side of Vacation Island or the west side of Fiesta Island. The parade wraps up with the lighting of the Sea World Skytower at 9 pm. Then December 14 and 21, enjoy the annual parade that is a sparkling present from San Diego's boating community in San Diego Bay. Wrap up in warm clothes and watch the lights sail by 5:30-9 pm. The boats get decked out in their best holiday lights and strut their stuff from Shelter Island into the downtown waterfront.

## **Poinsettia Bowl**

The fourth annual Poinsettia Bowl game takes place at Qualcomm Stadium on December 23 at 5 pm. In case you can't get into Qualcomm, it's also aired on ESPN. Tickets are on sale from \$28 - \$50. Organizers of the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl now operate this second bowl game in San Diego. It pits a team from the Mountain West Conference against an at-large opponent. The bowl kicked off in 2005 with a matchup between the United States Naval Academy Midshipmen and the Colorado State University Rams. The Navy won the inaugural game 51-30.

## **Big Bay Balloon Parade**

The Port of San Diego is proud to be the title sponsor of the 2008 Big Bay Balloon Parade. This is the 18th year that they are sponsoring the parade, which draws thousands to the waterfront. This year's parade is on Monday, December 29 and begins at 9 am in front of the County Administration Building on Harbor Drive. The route then goes south on Harbor Drive and ends in front of the Broadway Pier. The parade always precedes the Holiday Bowl game, which brings many fans from out of town. This year's game will be held Tuesday, December 30 at Qualcomm Stadium.

## **New Year's Eve Gala aboard the Midway**

Fill your New Year's Eve with magic aboard the Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum, December 31 from 8 am – 12:30 am. Permanently docked at the Navy pier, The Midway is one of the most exciting venues downtown. Enjoy views of San Diego Bay and sip champagne while watching the city lights from the flight deck. There will be extravagant dinner stations prepared by award winning Peartrees Catering including an alluring display of charcuterie and cheese, jumbo shrimp cocktails, coastal baby lettuce salad, chicken champagne, bowtie puttanesca, chef carving stuffed Steak Piedmont and an elaborate international dessert table as well as a hosted open bar including midnight champagne toast. Guests will be entertained with elegant dinner dancing to the live music of the Big Daddy Orchestra. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the ongoing preservation and restoration of the USS Midway.