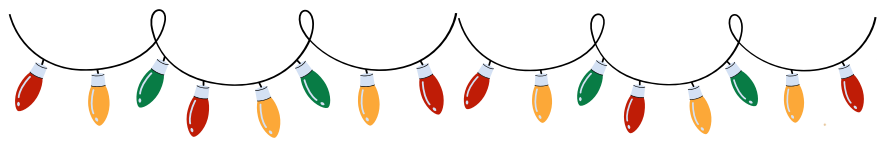


DECEMBER 2023

# BRADBURY NEWS

"Preserving Rural Tranquility"



## Christmas Tree Recycling Service

Burrtec will collect and recycle Christmas Trees from single-family residences throughout the City. Please place your tree at curbside after Christmas on your collection day. Burrtec will provide this service for a three-week period after Christmas Day. Trees six feet and over need to be cut in half. Please remove all ornaments, lights, and metal stands off of the tree. Flocked trees will not be recycled and will be collected as trash.



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### Quote of the Month:

"What is Christmas? It is the tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future."

- Agnes M. Pharo



# COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT REMINDERS

## Stop Feeding Wildlife



Feeding wildlife is the primary cause of conflict between humans and wildlife. Feeding wildlife has the potential to alter their normal behavioral patterns, may make them sick, and potentially can make wildlife less fearful of humans and our domesticated pets. If you care, don't feed.



## OVERGROWN VEGETATION



Tall weeds and overgrown bushes can make a property unattractive, unsightly, and can also be a potential fire hazard. To reduce this risk, lawns should be kept mowed and all yard waste such as dry grass, cut tree limbs and brush should be properly disposed of. A well-maintained yard is also an effective crime prevention tool. Lawns that are not being cared for gives others the impression that the property is unattended and might be an easy target. We would like to remind and ask for your help to keep overgrown vegetation to a minimum.



## Regional Broadband: SGV Internet Connectivity Study

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) would like to ensure that everyone in the SGV region has reliable, and high-speed internet services with limited connectivity issues. To help achieve this, the SGVCOG is conducting a comprehensive study of internet connectivity at locations across the region. This study holds the key to identifying the broadband requirements and potential avenues for expanding connectivity. The goal is to provide households with faster, more reliable internet connections.

The SGVCOG is currently seeking insights from various stakeholders across the SGV region. Residents living in the San Gabriel Valley are highly encouraged to submit a survey answering a few questions about their internet connection. By participating in this survey, you'll be contributing to the effort of creating reliable internet connection in all geographical areas including "Rural" Bradbury!

Participate today by taking the residential survey at the link below:  
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7399736/SGVCOG-Internet-Survey>







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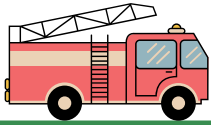
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DEPARTMENT

# 2023 SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE



This year, the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, ABC 7, Toys for Tots, and Southern California firefighters will celebrate the 31st year of the Spark of Love Toy Drive! We hope that you can help efforts in collecting and distributing new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment for underserved children in Los Angeles County.

Please donate unwrapped toys, electronics, or sports equipment for a child between the ages of 5-18. Please drop off toys at your local Los Angeles County Fire Station #44 located at 1105 Highland Ave. Duarte, CA 91010. There will be a box at the station to drop off items until December 24th. For more information, contact the station at (626) 358-3118.



## WINTER SAFETY TIPS



The holiday season is a time of joy and family, filled with wonderfully decorated trees and houses draped in twinkling lights. Unfortunately, every year, fire departments get called out to house fires caused by dry trees and holiday lights.

Here are some helpful tips from the County of Los Angeles Fire Department for keeping you, your family, and your home safe during the holidays.

### Holiday Lights

- Always maintain holiday lights and check for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in insulation, broken sockets, etc. before putting them up.
- Refrain from linking more than three strands of lights.
- Check wires periodically; they should not be warm to the touch.

### Holiday Decorations

- Use only non-flammable or fire-retardant decorations.
- Decorations should always be hung from heat sources.
- Ensure that your decorations are not blocking any exits.
- Never place wrapping paper in fireplace.

### Christmas Tree Safety

- For artificial trees — check for a label specifying it is fire resistant.
- For real trees — be sure to check it for freshness (needles green, resin on trunk, etc.).
- Always place trees away from radiators and heat sources, and use a sturdy, water holding stand.

## HHW/E-WASTE COLLECTION

All residents of Los Angeles County may also utilize temporary, one-day collection events throughout the County to properly dispose of HHW/E-Waste FREE of charge. Events are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Rain or shine, collection events will be held as scheduled below:

- **12/09/23 - CITY OF WHITTIER @ 9 A.M. 14181 TELEGRAPH ROAD, WHITTIER, CA 90604**
- **12/16/23 - CITY OF LA VERNE @ 9 A.M. FAIRPLEX DR. AND WEST MCKINLEY AVE. LA VERNE, CA 91750**

### City Council Highlights

The City Council took the following actions on,  
Tuesday, November 28th:

- Approved a Resolution that sets forth the findings of facts and a decision to recommend approval of a Health and Safety Element, Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Evacuation Route Analysis.
- Discussion on community support funds.
- Discussion on a City Council retreat.



# December 2023

## Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

## Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023

## New Years Eve

Sunday, December 31, 2023

## City Hall Closed (Holidays)

Monday, December 25 - January 2, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Planning Commission Meeting	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 Merry Christmas!	26 City Hall Closed	27 City Hall Closed	28 City Hall Closed	29 City Hall Closed	30



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