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| **Monday, December 23, 2013131223-1****In this Issue:****Go Metro to Tournament of Roses Events****I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notice****Metro Monthly Green Tips: December 2013** |
| **Go Metro to Tournament of Roses Events**Media Relations issued a news release today detailing Metro Rail service to the 2014 Tournament of Roses Parade events in Pasadena. This year marks the 10th official year of Metro Rail service directly to Pasadena for parade festivities. Metro will be providing free rides from 9:00 p.m. on December 31, 2013 until 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 2014. The increased service will help those who want to get an early place along the parade route New Year’s Day. The Rose Queen and court will be at Union Station this Friday to greet transit customers and participate in a brief demonstration ride on the Metro Gold Line. To view the news release, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/news/simple_pr/l-metro-marks-10th-official-year-metro-rail-servic/).**I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project Construction Notice**The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project contractor is scheduled to implement a full directional closure of the Southbound I-405 between Santa Monica Boulevard and National Boulevard in West Los Angeles to accommodate roadway widening and drainage work along the freeway median. On Thursday, December 26, 2013, ramps will close at 7:00 p.m., followed by lane closures at 10:00 p.m., leading up to the full southbound directional closure early morning Friday, December 27, 2013 from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/131223_405.pdf). **Metro Monthly Green Tips: December 2013**This month’s green tips focus on what you can do this season to celebrate the holidays with the planet and your pocketbook in mind. Rather than splurging on your savings just to put a smile on your friends’ and family’s faces, try some of the green tips listed below to help you save without the sacrifice.1. **Recycle Your Wrappings:**

Do you find some of your holiday giftwrapping paper too pretty to part with? Instead of tearing through the tissue paper, try carefully unwrapping your gifts and save the wrapping and ribbon for next year’s presents. Alternatively, if you find yourself out of giftwrap at the last minute, newspaper and brown paper bags can be dressed up with ribbon or festive holiday stamps to wrap your presents.1. **Holiday E-Cards:**

According to Hallmark’s statistics, Christmas is the largest card-sending holiday in the U.S. with over a whopping 1.5 billion cards sent out annually! Rather than going through the arduous process of printing out your family’s Christmas cards, purchasing postage, and then mailing them out to your loved ones in hopes that they get them on time, opt to email or send e-cards instead. Not only it is it faster than snail mail, but sending out season’s greetings electronically will help save both the planet and your pocketbook. Once your loved ones receive your email, they can print your family portrait at the size of their choice without any expense to you!1. **Light Up the Night:**

Who can resist the magical atmosphere of a home decorated to the nines in Christmas lights and other holiday lawn ornaments on a cool winter night? You don’t have to sacrifice any dough for delight if you just follow this simple tip. When decorating your house in lights, add a timer and adjust its settings so that your Christmas lights turn on and off on a set schedule. This will help lower your holiday energy consumption without sacrificing the splendor of watching your icicle lights twinkle in the night. Remembering to unplug any holiday lights during the day help your lights last longer, too.1. **Dressing the Dinner Table:**

For those of you who plan on hosting your first or your annual holiday dinner party, here’s a tip that’s sure to get you noted on the Nice List. When setting the table, use cloth napkins and reusable dishes, glasses, and silverware. Not only will your place setting be more elegant and delightful to look at, but you avoid having to take out heaps of trash at the end of the night after sorting through the recyclables. By implementing this month’s green tips in your office, your home and your everyday life you’ll help in building a more sustainable future!  |
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