



NEWS RELEASE

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Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Cultural Celebration

The entire community is invited to participate in Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) on Sunday, November 2, 2014 from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Community Center, 313 West Tunnell Street.

This free, family-friendly event includes youth activities, dance performances, live music, food and vendor booths, altar displays, and more. Anyone can submit an application to create an altar in memory of a deceased loved one. Altars are free to create but a completed application is required.

Dia de los Muertos originated centuries ago with the Aztecs. They honored the lives of their late family members by creating and decorating beautiful altars with colorful flowers and favorite items of the departed. The tradition continued and has become popular in the United States, including here in Santa Maria. It allows community members to celebrate and remember the lives of family and friends who have passed away. All cultures are welcome to participate in this celebration.

Altar and vendor applications are available at the Recreation and Parks Department, 615 South McClelland Street.

Questions may be directed to the Recreation and Parks Department, 925-0951 ext. 260.

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