

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## CELEBRATE OXNARD'S DIVERSITY AT FREE MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL ON OCT. 7

**OXNARD, Calif**. – Join the community in celebrating Oxnard's cultural diversity at the 26th Annual Multicultural Festival on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Plaza Park (500 S. C St.). The event is free and open to the public.

The Multicultural Festival features a variety of fun, educational activities, entertainment and exhibits for all ages. Activities include:

- Musical performances by Caliente805 Band, Heart and Soul Band, Oxnard College Ballet Folklórico Mestizo, Premier Dance Studio, and more!
- A chance to learn more about the areas of the world represented in the Oxnard community. Grab a Multicultural Festival passport and receive stamps by visiting the booths representing Bolivia, Scotland, Cambodia, Chile, China, India, Kenya, Mexico, Philippines, Italy, Oaxaca and Colombia.
- Attendees who submit a fully stamped passport will receive a prize and be entered into the hourly raffle.
- Enjoy various activities for kids including the adrenaline-pumping fun in the jolly jumpers, City Corps Wagon Train and the Rad Hatter for a chance to create their very own silly hats and more!



 Indulge in cuisine and treats for sale including Masarap Lumpia (Filipino Fusion), House of Tacos Grill Food Truck, Me Gusta Gourmet Tamales, Passion Empanadas Food Truck, Magic Hot Dogs & Churros, JK Catering Food Truck, Bell Catering Food Truck, Pan de Elote and many others!

In 1995 the Multicultural Festival was introduced to the community by the Oxnard Community Relations Commission (CRC), a citizen advisory group whose mission is to promote understanding and respect among all racial, religious and nationality groups in the City and to discourage and prevent discriminatory practices. The festival is organized by the CRC, City of Oxnard staff and volunteers.

This year's event is sponsored by Montecito Bank & Trust, The Port of Hueneme, Gold Coast Health Plan, Oxnard Peace Officers Association, Highlands Community Charter and Technical Schools, Angel of God Hospice, A Prime Home Health Services and Kaiser Permanente. For more information, visit Oxnard.org.