

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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### Masks, Puppets and More in the Downing Park Visitors Center

Throughout October, the Downing Park Planning Committee is hosting a multi-media exhibit of masks, puppets and decorations associated with the Mexican Day of the Dead (El Dia de los Muertos) celebration. This multi-media exhibit will feature papier mache masks and oversized puppets, examples of the Latin American art of papel picado (cut tissue paper) and paper flowers. Many items in the exhibit are the work of local artists and Newburgh schoolchildren. The oversized puppets were created and constructed by area artists. A calendar of Day of the Dead events will be available in the Visitors Center, along with data on the history and significance of this important Mexican holiday

The Day of the Dead Festival, sponsored by the City of Newburgh, will take place on Sunday, October 29, with a parade beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Ann Street Parking Lot, and ending with a Festival in the Newburgh Free Library.

The public is invited to visit this unique exhibit. The Visitors Center is in the Shelter House on Carpenter Avenue and Third Street. It is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

