



2012

FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS SCHEDULED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

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January

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January

- Saturday 1/28
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 30th Annual Chinese Center New Year Fair (2-Day Event)**
Welcome to this Chinese Lunar New Year celebration. It's the Year of the Dragon! You'll experience Chinese culture with traditional martial arts, taiko drumming, and dance performances. There's an Asian Story Theater, craft-making, lantern parade, delicious foods, and merchant booths. Admission: None. Anticipated Attendance: 10,000/day. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: 3rd Avenue (between Market St. & J St.) ~ J Street (between 3rd Ave. & 4th Ave.). Host Organization: San Diego Chinese Center. General Information: Linh Du @ (619) 540-8501. Media Information: Not available. Vendor Information: Not available. Internet: www.sdcny.weebly.com.
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February

- Saturday 2/11
11:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Faith Tabernacle Outreach**
Faith Tabernacle is presenting a wonderful community outreach event near its church. Residents in the neighborhood are encouraged to come and listen to gospel music, enjoy staged performances, and visit job and health care booths. There are jumpers for kids and free food and clothing giveaways. Admission: None. Anticipated Attendance: 500. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: Raven Street (between Market St. & F St.). Host Organization: Faith Tabernacle. General Information: Maikeshia Wilson @ (808) 397-8767. Media Information: Not available. Vendor Information: Not available. Internet: www.faithtabernacle.com.
- Saturday 2/18
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- 9th Annual Little Italy Carnevale (Venetian Masqueraole Walk-About)**
There's a Venetian masqueraole event in Little Italy that is mirrored to the one held in Venace as the celebration before lent. You'll mingle among people dressed in Venetian attire and be entertained by music, stilt-walkers, jugglers, and more. Be sure to ask about the "Passaporto di Carnevale"! Admission: None. Anticipated Attendance: 1,800. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: Date Street (between India St. & Columbia St.). Host Organization: Little Italy Association of San Diego. General Information: Christopher Gomez @ (619) 233-3898. Media Information: Lauren Forgione @ (858) 720-0910. Vendor Information: Not available. Internet: www.littleitalysd.com.

February

Tuesday 2/21 **Mardi Gras 2012 (Gaslamp Quarter)**
 5:30 pm - 11:59 pm It's an adult only (age 21+) Mardi Gras! The streets are open and people in masked revelry are dancing to the music. Catch handfuls of shiny beads tossed from a float parade. Mingle about, make new friends, eat, drink, and enjoy all the pleasantries this enchanting event has to offer. Admission: \$25-\$30. Anticipated Attendance: 40,000. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: 5th Ave. (from Broadway & Harbor Dr.) ~ E St. (from 4th Ave. & 6th Ave.) ~ F St. (from 4th Ave. & 6th Ave.) ~ G St. (from 4th Ave. & 6th Ave.) ~ Market St. (from 4th Ave. & 6th Ave.) ~ Island Ave. (from 4th Ave. & 6th Ave.) ~ J St. (from 4th Ave. & 6th Ave.) ~ K St. (from 4th Ave. & 6th Ave.) Host Organization: Gaslamp Quarter Association. General Information: Laurel McFarlane @ (619) 233-5008. Media Information: Not available. Vendor Information: Not available. Internet: www.gaslamp.org.

Tuesday 2/21 **Hillcrest Mardi Gras**
 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm It's an adult only (age 21+) Mardi Gras! So, dress up in colorful attire and join the crowd for a night of excitement. Mingle about and make new friends, get handfuls of shiny beads, drink beer, and go dance in the street. The music is great! Enjoy games, rides, and an awesome laser light show. Admission: \$15-\$20 (general ticket) ~ \$50-\$70 (VIP ticket). Anticipated Attendance: 3,000. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: University Avenue (between 1st Ave. & 4th Ave.) ~ Third Avenue (between Washington St. & Robinson St.). Host Organization: Hillcrest Business Association. General Information: Benjamin Nicholls @ (619) 299-3330. Media Information: Lisa Weir @ (619) 299-3330. Vendor Information: Not available. Internet: www.fabloushillcrest.com.

March

Thursday 3/1 **Montgomery Waller Community Park Carnival (4-Day Event)**
 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Come for the fun of it! Bring your friends to a carnival at Montgomery Waller Community Park where persons of all ages can have a good time. Attractions include traditional carnival rides and games, snacks, and a computer portrait novelty booth where you can all squeeze in for a strip of photos. Admission: \$2 (age 7 & older) ~ FREE (age 6 & younger). Anticipated Attendance: 300/day. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: Montgomery Waller Community Park (3020 Coronado Ave.). Host Organization: Christiansen Amusements. General Information: Bill Jacob (760) 735-8542. Media Information: Not available. Vendor Information: Not available. Internet: www.amusements.com.

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March

- Saturday 3/3 **64th Annual Ocean Beach Kite Festival**
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Residents of Ocean Beach can enjoy a kite festival that is known as the oldest kite festival in the United States. It offers musical entertainment, carnival rides, handmade crafts, and light refreshments. Children can each create their own kite, have it judged for a prize, and fly it at the beach. Admission: None. Anticipated Attendance: 1,600. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: Ocean Beach (Santa Monica Avenue between Sunset Cliffs Blvd. & Ebers St.). Host Organization: Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach. General Information: Melanie Nickel @ (619) 225-8705. Media Information: Not available. Vendor Information: Anne Stock @ (619) 692-3851. Internet: www.oceanbeachkiwanis.org.
- Saturday 3/3 **Montgomery Waller Community Park Carnival (4-Day Event)**
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- Thursday 3/8 **Robert Egger South Bay Recreation Center Carnival (4-Day Event)**
 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Come for the fun of it! Bring your friends to a carnival at Robert Egger South Bay Recreation Center where persons of all ages can have a good time. There's traditional carnival rides and games, snacks, and a computer portrait novelty booth where you can all squeeze together for a strip of photos. Admission: \$2.00 (age 7 & older) ~ FREE (age 6 & younger). Anticipated Attendance: 300/day. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: Robert Egger South Bay Recreation Center (1885 Coronado Ave.). Host Organization: Christiansen Amusements. General Information: Bill Jacob @ (760) 735-8542. Media Information: Not available. Vendor Information: Not available. Internet: www.amusements.com.
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March

- Saturday 3/10
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- Tuesday 3/13
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Persian New Year**
The Persian New Year takes place on the last Tuesday of the Persian calendar. It's a prelude to Nowruz which marks the arrival of spring. This evening event is celebrated with a mixture of DJ music, dancing, and delicious Persian foods. Admission: None. Anticipated Attendance: 2,000. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: Liberty Station (NTC Park near Womble Rd. & Cushing Rd.). Host Organization: Association of Iranian American Professionals. General Information: Arsalan Dadkhah @ (858) 586-6600. Media Information: Not available. Vendor Information: Not available. Internet: www.aiap.org.
- Saturday 3/17
9:00 am - 6:30 pm **32nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Festival**
Wear something green in the spirit of Irish fun when you and your leprechauns come to this festival. A Celtic Village abounds with Irish culture filled with music, dancing, food, and beer. Children can enjoy rides and activities. This event is in conjunction with the "St. Patrick's Day Parade". Admission: \$2.00 (entrance into the Beer Garden). Anticipated Attendance: 15,000. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: Balboa Park (west side of the park at 6th Ave. & Quince St.). Host Organization: Irish Congress of Southern California. General Information: Tony Mande @ (858) 205-9140. Media Information: Scott Dodge @ (619) 884-2221. Vendor Information: Bernadette Malone @ (619) 469-2206. Internet: www.stpatsparade.org.
- Saturday 3/17
12:00 pm - 11:59 pm **Shamrock 2012**
Irish eyes are smiling at this St. Patrick's Day festival. Come and mingle with a happy crowd for a joyous evening filled with lively Irish entertainment, dancing, food, drink, bagpipes, shamrocks, and more. Did you just jump up and click your heels together? Is that a shamrock on your cheek? Admission: \$30-\$35. Anticipated Attendance: 8,000. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: F Street (between 5th Ave. & 7th Ave.) ~ 6th Avenue (between E St. & G St.) ~ G Street (between 5th Ave. & 7th Ave.) ~ 5th Avenue (between Market St. & F St.) ~ 7th Avenue (between G St. & F St. for shuttle service & handicap parking) Host Organization: Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation. General Information: Laurel McFarlane @ (619) 233-5008. Media Information: Not available. Vendor Information: Not available. Internet: www.sandiegoshamrock.com.

March

Sunday 3/25 **16th Annual Rolando Street Fair**
10:00 am - 6:00 pm The Rolando Street Fair is a popular event for everyone and presents a fun atmosphere to mingle about in community unity. Along shaded streeside trees, there's a variety of musical entertainment, rides and activities for kids, a food court, and booths containing merchandise and useful information. Admission: None. Anticipated Attendance: 14,500. Anticipated Participants: Not available. Location: Rolando Boulevard (between El Cajon Blvd. & Solita St.). Host Organization: Rolando Community Council. General Information: Sandra Buehner @ (619) 324-3456. Media Information: Anne Schoeller @ (619) 582-1360. Vendor Information: Betty Murasky @ (619) 286-4014. Internet: www.rolandocommunitycouncil.org.

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