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[LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER]

Last summer, when reporting on the GGPNC’s election, I learned that almost half of its board is not elected. I found it odd and called the City Clerk’s office to inquire about it. The City Clerk—overwhelmed having just administered citywide neighborhood elections for the first time—told me they had no data from the various 89 councils they oversee. They thought the number of appointed positions—nine of 19—on the GGPNC seemed high, but they were not concerned. I moved onto other issues—filing the concern away, perhaps a story for another day. It was interesting then for me to learn that Tomas O’Grady, a current GGPNC board member, also shared my concern. Getting no where with the City’s Clerk’s office on the issue—as was my experience—he sought out all of the 89 council’s bylaws and discovered that indeed, our own GGPNC is a true anomaly. According to a final report by the Neighborhood Council Review Commission from 2007 only 4.5% of Los Angeles city’s neighborhood council members are appointed. The GGPNC board, however, is made up of 49% appointed members—ten times the city’s average.

[FATHER’S DAY]

Dad’s special day this year is Sunday, June 21st. Check out these ways to honor yours:

Father’s Day Craft
Create a card and key chain for dad.
June 18th, 4-6 p.m.
Cahuenga Branch Library
4655 N. Vermont Blvd.
(323) 664-6118

Create a cowboy-themed mobile for dad.
Free with museum admission
Austi National Center
4706 Western Heritage Way
www.asuhsportsnationalcenter.org
(323) 667-0000

H.U.F. Awards Scholarship & Luncheon Honoring Today’s Unsung Father’s June 30th, 3:00 p.m.
Reservations required
Marriott Hotel Downtown
333 S. Figueroa St.
www.hulfawards.com

Father’s Day Luncheon
A special day for homeless men and their families.
Free Admission, June 21st,
Los Angeles Mission
303 E. 5th St. (213) 629-1227
www.losangelesmission.org

A Day with Dad at the Pier. Festivities include a fishing derby, chess competition, and other family-friendly activities. Free admission June 21st, 7:30 p.m.
Sant Monica Pier
www.santamonicapier.org

American Diabetes Association’s, “Father of the Year Awards,” a benefit to raise diabetes awareness, research, and advocacy programs. June 21st, Reservation 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Reservations Required
Contact: Kathy Sanchez
(323) 866-2890 Ext #723
Beverly Hills Hotel
3643 Sunset Blvd. www.diabetes.org

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