



Diversity NEWSLETTER



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MISSION STATEMENT

Creating safe spaces for ALL as we welcome, celebrate and value our differences. We strive to listen, understand and learn from one another to grow personally and enhance our community.

"Diversity creates dimension in the world."

-Elizabeth Ann Lawless

"The color of your soul is more important than the color of your skin."

-Matshona Dhliwayo

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

- SEPT: National Hispanic Heritage Month
- 9/16: Mexican Independence Day
- 9/21: International Day of Peace
- 9/23: International Day of Sign Languages
- 9/27: Native American Day
- OCT: Filipino-American Heritage Month
- OCT: German-American Heritage Month
- OCT: Italian-American Heritage Month
- OCT: Polish-American Heritage Month
- 10/14: Indigenous Peoples' Day



COMMUNITY EVENTS

American Indian Pow Wow

The Grand Valley American Indian Pow Wow hosts its traditional Pow Wow on the banks of the Grand River at Riverside Park on Sept. 7 & 8. Enjoy sacred rituals, authentic food, crafts, music and more.

Fiesta Mexicana

The Mexican Heritage Association presents one of the oldest ethnic festivals in Grand Rapids. Community members can learn about Mexican culture, history and tradition. The three-day festival kicks off on Friday, Sept. 13 at Calder Plaza.

African American Arts & Music Festival

Check out the African American Arts and Music Festival on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Rosa Parks Circle. This free festival celebrates art, music, culture and people, and reflects the many aspects of our diverse community

International Festival of Holland

The festival is a free, family-friendly celebration of the culture living and working in West Michigan. This event is scheduled for Sept. 14 from 2-7pm at the Holland Civic Center.

Dia de los Muertos Festival

The Grand Rapids Public Library Foundation presents a free, cultural and educational event at Roosevelt Park on Oct. 26 & 27. Latin American altars honoring family and friends who have passed away will be on display throughout the festival.



*Diversity is Beautiful
What makes **YOU**
unique, makes **US**
strong!*