

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.

“Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”

-Ruth Bader Ginsburg

“It’s important to teach our female youth that it’s OK to say, ‘Yes, I am good at this,’ and you don’t hold back.”

-Simone Biles

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

- MARCH: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
- 3/8: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
- 3/14: HOLI
- 3/17: ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 3/21: WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY
- 3/29: EID AL-FITR
- APRIL: ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
- APRIL: AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH
- 4/2: WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY
- 4/12: PASSOVER BEGINS
- 4/20: EASTER
- 4/22: EARTH DAY



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def: Objects or people of varied or different types. eg. people of varied race, religion, age, educational attainment or economic status.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

World of Winter 2025

Downtown Grand Rapids hosts the sixth annual World of Winter Festival. Throughout downtown, there will be various free winter-themed programming and events, including art installations, fun interactive exhibits, spectacular live performances and more. The festival runs through March 2.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Join the Grand Rapids Irish Committee at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade to celebrate Irish America and Irish culture in Grand Rapids. The parade kicks off at 11 am on Saturday, March 15, starting on Monroe Ave at Lyon St. and will make its way to Veterans Memorial Park.

Bridge Walk for Autism

Join Hope Network and more than 1,000 community members on Thursday, April 24, as they walk for inclusion. In honor of Autism Acceptance Month, this walk brings together community members, businesses, and local leaders for a powerful, hope-filled evening in support of autism awareness. The walk will start at 5 pm at Grand Rapids' Blue Bridge. In the event of rain, the walk will be held at the Grand Rapids Public Museum.



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