

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.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

**-Martin Luther King Jr.**

"The things that make us different, those are our super powers."

**-Lena Waithe**

## UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

- 1/4: WORLD BRAILLE DAY
- 1/14: MAHAYANA NEW YEAR
- 1/19: WORLD RELIGION DAY
- 1/20: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY
- FEBRUARY: BLACK HISTORY MONTH
- 2/1: NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY
- 2/7: NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY
- 2/17: PRESIDENT'S DAY
- 2/26: MAHA SHIVARATRI



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### University of Michigan Health-West: Christmas & Holiday Traditions

This exhibition at Frederik Meijer Gardens honors cultures and holiday traditions from around the world. It has grown to more than 40 unique displays depicting fact and folklore, past and present. The exhibition runs through January 5.

### World of Winter 2025

Downtown Grand Rapids hosts the 8th annual World of Winter Festival. Throughout downtown, there will be various free winter-themed programming and events, including snow yoga, black history, ice sculpture walking tours and more. The festival runs January 10 through March 2.

### Jashin: Celebration of Life

Celebrate the vibrant culture of India, featuring music, dance and delicious regional snacks in partnership with the Assam Association of West Michigan. There will be live music, dance performances and indian food for purchase. This family-friendly event is at Calder Plaza on Feb. 7 from 6:30 - 9 pm. This event is free and open to all.



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