



In the Community, September 23, 2020

A Weekly Listing of Diversity and Multicultural Events
 From the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony:
 "Diversity, Unity, and Justice Are at the Heart of ACEH"

ACEH was founded in Holland in 1999 and is committed to justice, equal opportunity, cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation for diversity. Members work together to make West Michigan a place where all people are welcomed and respected. "In the Community" is also on the ACEH website www.harmonyalliance.org Check us out under Groups on Facebook, at ACEH – Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony. (You're invited to support ACEH through membership. Information on how to do that is at the end of this email.)

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept 15 to Oct 15. A variety of events will take place under the auspices of **Hope College**; Exhibit, artist talk, Latinx Rhythm Club, Hispanic Heritage Lecture (virtual), Play by Many Voices Project. For more information on these events, go to https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zUaDVn96jQkJutZ2ZKOHB13erYwefWvX/view?usp=sharing_eil&ts=5f52899e See also listing at Sept 23.

TODAY through Sat, Sept 26: Grand Haven Hispanic Heritage Fiesta, by Tri-Cities Puentes Initiative and 4 others "to build bridges and cultural understanding through the celebration of the Hispanic and Latinx community in the Tri-Cities area." Week will include Hispanic Heritage restaurant week, food truck weekend, film festival, virtual mercado, and virtual dance night. Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates will receive half the proceeds of the Fiesta. For information about Fiesta events, go to <https://tcpuentes.org/>

Wed, Sept 23, 4 pm: Hispanic Heritage Lecture (virtual): Dr. Francisco Jiménez, professor emeritus at Santa Clara University, talks about his autobiography: "The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child." Event includes audience discussion. Hosted by Center for Diversity and Inclusion. To register, go to: https://calendar.hope.edu/event/hispanic_heritage_lecture_6644#.X1KLSshKhPY

Fri, Sept 25, 10 am to 4 pm: Free COVID-19 testing at drive-thru site; no screening and no appointment needed. Diagnostic testing for anyone age 5 and older with or without symptoms (parental/guardian consent required for minors). Bring a government-issued ID or paperwork that has your name and address (bill, mail, pay stub). **Also available, same hours, on Oct 2.** Site operated by National Guard, Medical Reserve Corps, and Ottawa Co. employees. **At Holland Charter Township Fire Department Station #2, 12169 James St, Holland.**

Mon, Sept 28, 6:30 pm to 8 pm: "Talking about Racism," virtual Town Hall event presented through auspices of Momentum Center, Grand Haven, and the Anti-Racism Task Force. **First half:** Panelists George Barfield, consultant/trainer for cultural sensitivity, and local resident; Deanna Rollfs, cognitive coach/GVSU; co-facilitator for course on White consciousness; Angelia Colon, local resident and member of (A)RTF, El Grupo de Trabajo (Anti) Racismo. **Second half:** Q&A and community conversation in breakouts (Zoom App required for breakouts). Suggested reading: "So You Want to Talk About Race," by Ijeoma Oluo (event will not be discussing the book itself). **Registration is required, at this link:** https://momentumcentergh.org/town-hall-racism?blm_aid=1527810

Tues, Sept 29, 3 pm to 8 pm: Free COVID-19 testing at drive-thru site; no screening and no appointment needed. Diagnostic testing for anyone age 5 and older with or without symptoms

(parental/guardian consent required for minors). Bring a government-issued ID or paperwork that has your name and address (bill, mail, pay stub). Operated by National Guard, Medical Reserve Corps, and Ottawa Co. employees. **At Meijer, 746 East 16th St, Holland.**

Registration and Voting Information

To be eligible to register to vote you must be:

- A Michigan resident (at the time you register) and a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days (when you vote)
- A United States citizen
- At least 18 years of age (when you vote)
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison

You can register when you are 17.5 years old, but you can't vote until you're 18.

Use link in next paragraph for info about where to register.

The Michigan Secretary of State' has an amazing site of links to all kinds of information about what's on the ballot; how, when, and where to register to vote; how, when, and where to apply for an absentee ballot; locations of drop boxes, tracking your ballot, accessible voting; voting in person; locations of polling places-- official answers to just about any voting-related question you can think of. Here's the link: [Michigan Voter Information Center](#)

Voting by **absentee ballot**: When you've completed AND signed your ballot, you can return it to your city or township clerk's office; you can mail it in (do this early!), or you can place it in a secured drop box that's been set up to receive absentee ballots. Here's the link to these boxes in Ottawa County

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fuaf8jlpdali3db/AAAr5CbJEPBMvUJ5GZMCx23Ba?dl=0&fbclid=IwAR1XexB06LCClzXiwYmDeKkSRPyWVcVNOym_9bM0Tn_ZEuzrJCubOu2uZA

The League of Women Voters offers this Voters Guide, with links to information on what's on the ballot and other information, in English and en español.

<https://www.vote411.org/search-by-topic>

You can vote **in person** on Tuesday, November 3rd. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. See the link above for locations of polling places.

Thank you to Christina Pawlak, voter services chair for the Holland League of Women Voters, for sharing these links.

Exhibits

Through Thurs, Oct 15: Virtual exhibit "Luis Sahagun: Lo Que Grita Mi Piel" ("That Which My Skin Screams") explores race through alternative Latinx narratives. Sahagun was born in Guadalajara in 1982; brought to the U.S. as a child; and naturalized in 1995 under President Reagan's Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. He has participated in multiple invitational and national exhibits, worked as a teaching artist, and is artist-in-residence/visiting professor for Critical Race Studies at Michigan State University.

Through Sat, Nov 21: Exhibits (1) Black Lives Matter, Black Culture Matters: 50 artworks "that address African American history and culture from Civil War to the present; to provide historical context for Black Lives Matter protests against systemic racism in criminal justice, education, jobs, health care, housing. It is ala a celebration of Black culture and the many ways that Black culture has enriched American life over the past two centuries." **(2) Resistance and Revival in 20th-Century Yoruba Art.** <https://hope.edu/arts/kam/exhibitions/index.html> 395-6400 Public hours: **Thurs/Fri 1 pm to 4 pm and Sat 10 am to 4 pm.** At Kruienza Art Museum, 271 Columbia Ave, Holland.

Information, Help with Evictions/Foreclosures

<https://www.goodsamministries.com/wp-content/uploads/EDP-Tenant-Application.pdf>

<https://www.communityactionhouse.org/foreclosure-intervention>

<https://www.cityofholland.com/249/Tenant-Landlord-Fair-Housing-Information>

Community Action House: Latinx and Asian Cuisine Boxes Needed

Community Action House has provided over 240,000 meals in Family Food Boxes during the pandemic, food that's been purchased and packed by individuals, families, small groups. CAH offers 3 types of boxes: Basic, Latinx, and Asian -- the latter two with culturally appropriate foods. CAH needs more Latinx and Asian Cuisine Boxes and here's an easy-to-follow list of what to buy, how to pack, where to deliver, ways to donate: <https://www.communityactionhouse.org/standtogether>

Please! Fill Out the Census THIS MONTH to Help Our Community

CENSUS: Do you or a neighbor need help reading and filling out the U.S. Census? ¿Necesita ayuda con el Censo? ¡**Esther** está aquí para ayudar! Llama al (616) 355-1322.

CENSUS: The Macatawa Resource Center at 665 136th Ave., Holland, will help you complete the Census. 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Mon, Wed, and Fri; and 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Thurs. Call 616.312.7953, email prorealtorslh@gmail.com, or visit <http://macatawaresourcecenter.org>.

--- El Censo está aquí. ¡Asegúrate de contar! En MRC te ayudamos a completar el censo 2020 de manera gratuita! En la oficina del MRC, 665 136th Avenue, #70, Holland. (Horas indicadas arriba.)

CENSUS: Disability Network/Lakehore: "An accurate Census count means our community gets federal funding for things like education, roads, and medical care. Your answers are confidential, and cannot be given to any law enforcement agency or used to affect government benefits. Let your voice be heard - fill out the Census today at my2020census.gov. Need help to fill it out or don't have internet access? Call (616) 396-5326 and we can help you.

Links to Anti-Racism Resources

Many resources for discussing race and disrupting racism (from Oakland Unified School District).
<https://www.ousd.org/Page/16567>

Measures of racial inequality in the U.S.:

https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/19/opinion/politics/opportunity-gaps-race-inequality.html?campaign_id=29&emc=edit_up_20200622&instance_id=19611&nl=the-upshot@_id=50016253&segment_id=31544&te=1&user_id=fa259d4e5146ac76fd75d3ea7f28f220

White privilege: what does it mean, really?

<https://www.facebook.com/justin.wilford/videos/10111037308547016>

White parents: it's time you had "the talk."

<https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/white-parents-its-time-you-had-the-talk-74f713ecec74>

Series of YouTube videos "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man" hosted by Emmanuel Acho, who discusses race with various guests or answers viewer questions.

<https://uncomfortableconvos.com/about>

Why we need a White History Month: <https://medium.com/the-aambc-journal/why-we-need-a-white-history-month-5db5b08c93ce>

What racism is...and isn't: https://thecorrespondent.com/547/what-racism-really-is-hint-its-not-your-attitude-or-belief/72411285650-26661483?pk_campaign=daily

13 microaggressions Black people deal with all the time:

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/microaggressions-black-people-deal-with_1_5eity_july_21e8ffa9c5b6fe2600260ec8i

Things that white people say that highlight their white privilege:

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/things-white-people-say-highlight-privilege_1_5edeafafc5b637b87e22cee0?

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The Anti-Racist Starter Pack: 40 TV series, documentaries, movies, TED talks, and books:

https://parade.com/1046031/breabaker/anti-racist-tv-movies-documentaries-ted-talks-books/?fbclid=IwAR1nzfFoTRkyYtEfUnKE1ehtW5nu1Rz7N8Zx0o3_QrYrSx1KQWvhn8iB7w#.Xt4VYtJyGu5.facebook

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia: Take a virtual tour of collections and resources in this outstanding museum, located in Big Rapids, MI at Ferris State University. www.ferris.edu/jimcrow

County and Local Pandemic Links and Resources

<https://www.careottawacounty.com/> An “all-purpose” link to resources from government and nonprofit organizations in Ottawa Co. Find info, ways to donate goods or money, volunteer opportunities, more. Or call 2-1-1. In English and in español.

Learn more about COVID-19

[ENGLISH](#) | [SPANISH](#)

[Click](#) for more information about COVID-19 and Ottawa County's Response.

[https://www.mriottawa.org/Health/OCHD/coronavirus.htm?](https://www.mriottawa.org/Health/OCHD/coronavirus.htm?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

[utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery](https://www.mriottawa.org/Health/OCHD/coronavirus.htm?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) Daily updates from Ottawa Co. Dept of Public Health; links to info about cases; resources for issues, including domestic violence. In English and in español.

Mental Health Resources and Support: Organizations providing behavioral health services during the COVID-19 pandemic throughout Ottawa Co. Visit miottawa.org/cmh :

State Health Data, Governor's Info

Governor's executive orders: https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705---,00.html

<https://www.bridgemi.com/michigan-health-watch/coronavirus-tracker-what-michigan-needs-know-now>

Links to where families can get food, cash, internet; coronavirus Q&A; unemployment benefits; testing for coronavirus; where kids can get meals.

The state's response and community mitigation strategies: www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

National

The COVID-19 global outbreak situation at www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Jobs

[West Michigan Works!](https://jobs.westmiworks.org/weekly-hot-jobs/) <https://jobs.westmiworks.org/weekly-hot-jobs/>

[Pure Michigan Talent Connect:](https://www.mitalent.org/find-a-job) <https://www.mitalent.org/find-a-job>

[Holland Sentinel employment ads:](http://www.hollandsentinel.jobs) www.hollandsentinel.jobs

[Michigan Works!](https://jobs.westmiworks.org/weekly-hot-jobs/) <https://jobs.westmiworks.org/weekly-hot-jobs/> info@westmichiganworks.org

[Workforce Employment Specialists:](http://www.teamworkforce.com) Virtual hiring events: www.teamworkforce.com or (616) 396-3700.

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holland: <https://bgch.org/> Click on About. Elementary program assistant, part-time (up to 25 hrs/wk). Elementary program coordinator for Saugatuck Extension Facility at Douglas Elementary School, part-time (20-29 hrs/wk).

City of Holland: <https://mi-holland.civicplushrms.com/careers/Jobs.aspx> Parks general maintenance (seasonal). Plumbing and mechanical inspector, full time. Youth soccer instructor, part-time, for ages 3-5. Recreation supervisor. Video internship, part-time, paid. Custodian/maintenance for Holland Police Dept, part-time. Election inspector. Police officer. Reserve police officer, part-time. Police cadet. On-call firefighter.

Community Action House: <http://www.communityactionhouse.com/jobs> Program director to join strategic leadership team. Coordinator of volunteers. Outreach specialist, part-time. Food access associate. Resale logistics. Outreach specialist AmeriCorps member, full time. Food rescue logistics driver. Sunday morning help in Community Kitchen.

Creative Dining Services: <https://creativedining.com/> Click on Work with Us. Marketing and promotions specialist (Zeeland). Line servers, full time and part time (Holland). Dishwasher, full time (Holland).

Good Samaritan Ministries: <https://www.goodsamministries.com/get-involved/jobs/> Front-line receptionist, part-time (20-29 hrs/wk); Spanish language proficiency strongly preferred. COVID eviction response specialists, part-time, temporary.

Grand Valley State University: www.gvsu.edu Assistant registrar. Content marketing specialist. Visiting faculty, College of Education.

Greater Ottawa United Way: <https://www.ottawaunitedway.org/employment> Administrative assistant and accounts payable specialist.

Holland Township: www.hct.holland.mi.us Entry-level maintenance assistant, full-time.

Holland Hospital: www.hollandhospital.org Occupational therapist, inpatient rehab; part-time. Manager, physician's office practice, LHP; full and part-time positions available. Receptionist-security, part-time, varied hours. Emergency department RN, part-time (48 hrs/2 wks, 3 pm to 3:30 am). Occupational therapist, in-house rehab, part-time (1 weekend/mo, 8 am-4:30 pm, 16 hrs/2wks).

Holland Public Schools: <https://hollandpublicschools.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx> Instructional assistants- Title I. Tier 2 Provider. High school math teacher. Instructional assistant-deaf & hard of hearing preschool program. Instructional assistant - special education. Assistant varsity baseball coach. Basketball coaches, middle school. Groundskeeper-building services. Food service servers.

Hope College: <https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/hopeedu/promotionaljobs> Executive assistant to the Provost.

Lakeshore Nonprofit Alliance: <http://lakeshorenonprofits.org/programs-and-services/nonprofit-job-postings>. Job openings at local nonprofits.

LIFELine Ministries: Information on available restaurant, factory, sales, and office jobs in West Michigan. Contact Pastor Willie J. Watt Jr. at williewatt@gmail.com or (616) 335-0611.

Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates: <https://lakeshorenonprofits.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/LIA-ED-Job-Description-9.2020.pdf> Executive director, full-time (36 hrs/wk).

Meals on Wheels Western Michigan: <https://mealsonwheelswesternmichigan.org/get-involved/employment/> Director of operations. Donor stewardship and events planner. Prep cook. Mobile pantry assistant.

Michigan United: <https://www.miunited.org/job-openings?emci=6819d276-dff2-ea11-99c3-00155d039e74&emdi=9910f947-e8f2-ea11-99c3-00155d039e74&ceid=3127073> Community political organizers, full-time. Election phone banker, part-time. Training organizer, part-time. Phone bank volunteer coordinator, full-time. Civil rights & election protection coordinator, full-time. Various locations in Michigan.

MOKA: <https://moka.org/> Residential support/direct support professionals, full- and part-time, all shifts, flexible schedules to assist persons with disabilities.

Ottawa Area Intermediate School District: <https://www.oaisd.org/> Payroll coordinator, full-time, benefits.

Ottawa County: <http://www.miottawa.org/careers>. Health educator - substance abuse disorder prevention, part-time. Legal investigator (licensed with State of Michigan). Probation officer--substance abuse assessment. Nurse practitioner, part-time (20 hrs/wk). Community health nurse: COVID-19 investigator (temporary).

Dear "In the Community" readers: Many of you support us with your dues and donations, which finance our programs, partnerships, advocacy on current issues, publications, two scholarships, and community social events, and we appreciate you very much. If you are not currently a member, we hope you will consider becoming one and/or making a financial donation to ACEH, which is a 501c3 organization. Thank you.

--The ACEH Board: *C.J. Kingdom-Grier, Viola Jackson, Annette Manwell, Al Minert, H Bin Lim, Kim Lillibridge, Natalie Martinez, Lori Joseph Shaw.*

It's easy to become an ACEH member! Here's how:

--You can join at our website www.harmonyalliance.org and click on Membership.

--Or you can write a check to ACEH, c/o Treasurer Al Minert and mail it to Box 3007, Holland, MI 49422-3007.

Dues are \$20 per year for an individual (\$35, two years); \$30 per year for a couple or family (\$50, two years); \$40 for a nonprofit; \$75 for a business. In lieu of (or in addition to) paying dues, you may join as a service member, volunteering for the group.

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