

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
DIVERSITY CALENDAR—2011**

The purpose of this calendar is to announce to and educate Mountain View residents about the wide variety of diversity-related events and celebrations that take place throughout the year locally, nationally and internationally.

The calendar focuses on national, regional and local celebrations and cultural holidays. The calendar is simply a compilation of events gathered from a variety of readily accessible sources. It is not exhaustive of all important dates, but serves as a guide for the many commemorative and celebratory events that occur throughout the year.

Please contact the City's Human Relations Commission at *hrc@mountainview.gov* to suggest additions to the calendar or share your thoughts about human relations needs and issues in the community.

Month	Event/Celebration
January	1— New Year's Day (International)
	1— Shogatsu (Japan) Japanese New Year, the most significant holiday in Japan. Good health and fortune are wished for on this day.
	4— World Braille Day (International) The birth date of Louis Braille, the one who invented the system so that blind people could read and write.
	17— Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (U.S.) Recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, birthday.
	27— International Holocaust Remembrance Day International commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. It was designated by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 60/7 on November 1, 2005.
	National Birth Defects Prevention Month (U.S.) To raise awareness of strategies that reduce the risk for birth defects, January is designated National Birth Defects Prevention Month.

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January	<p>National Blood Donor Month (U.S.) January has been recognized as National Blood Donor Month for over 40 years (since 1970). Blood is traditionally in short supply during the month of January.</p>
February	<p>3— Tet (Lunar New Year) (Vietnam)</p> <p>3— Lunar New Year (International) Chinese New Year, the most significant holiday in China. February 14, 2011 begins the Year of the Tiger.</p> <p>1-7— Women's Heart Week (U.S.) Encourage women to come together and promote fitness, stress-reduction activities and learn about heart-healthy eating and gender-specifics on women's heart disease.</p> <p>7-11— National Green Week (U.S.) The objective of National Green Week is to empower students to be leaders of their own sustainability campaign.</p> <p>10-16— Children of Alcoholics Week (U.S.) Support for children of alcoholics to stop the intergenerational cycle of addiction.</p> <p>12-15— Random Acts of Kindness Week (U.S.) Established in 2000, the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation has a mission of inspiring people to practice kindness and to pass it on to others.</p> <p>20-26— Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week (U.S.) Promotes justice, understanding and cooperation among Christians and Jews, as well as tolerance of all faiths.</p> <p>African-American History Month (U.S.) Raises awareness of the contributions African-Americans have made to the U.S. society and history.</p> <p>American Heart Month (U.S.) To urge Americans to join the battle against these diseases. Since 1963 Congress has required the president to proclaim February "American Heart Month."</p> <p>Library Lovers Month (U.S.) Library Lovers Month is a month-long celebration of school, public and private libraries of all types.</p>

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March	1— Peace Corps Birthday (U.S.) Celebrate Peace Corps experience and host country culture, returned and current Volunteers, as well as friends of the Peace Corps.
	20— Won't You Be My Neighbor Day (U.S.) Celebrate Fred Rogers and his legacy of neighborliness on his birthday.
	21— International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (U.N.) Observed by the United Nations (U.N.) as part of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. This day remembers the killing of 69 South African protesters in 1960.
	21— National Down's Syndrome Day (U.S.) In recognition of the 3 copies of the 21st chromosome. It was 50 years ago when the cause of Down's Syndrome was identified.
	25— International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery (U.N.) The United Nations' (U.N.) International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade honors the lives of those who died as a result of slavery or experienced the horrors of the transatlantic slave trade.
	31— Cesar Chavez Birthday (U.S.) State holiday observed in California to honor labor leader Cesar Chavez's birthday.
	Irish-American Heritage Month (U.S.) Celebrates the contributions of Irish-Americans.
	National Women's History Month (U.S.) Recognizes and celebrates the historic accomplishments of women.
April	1— All Fool's Day (International)
	11— World Parkinson's Disease Day (International)

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April	<p>16— Emancipation Day (U.S.) Commemorates President Abraham Lincoln's 1863 signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.*</p> <p>*While observed dates differ by location, this date notes the anniversary of the official signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in Washington, D.C. by President Lincoln.</p>
	<p>22— Earth Day (International) Day intended to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment.</p>
	<p>24— World Tai Chi and Qigong Day (International) Educates about Tai Chi and Qigong's benefits for those who share a common vision of hope and healing for our planet and her people.</p>
	<p>Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month (U.S.) Recognizes and celebrates the rich legacy Asian-Pacific Americans have given to this country.</p>
	<p>Autism Awareness Month (U.S.) To educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.</p>
	<p>National Child Abuse Prevention Month (U.S.) A time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and create strong communities to support children and families.</p>
	<p>Older Americans Month (U.S.) Recognizes the contributions of older Americans in addition to the wisdom, strength and compassion they instill in their families and communities.</p>
May	<p>1— Holocaust Remembrance Day (International) Recognizes when six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust.</p>
	<p>2-8— Teacher Appreciation Week (U.S.) Dedicated to the celebration of your favorite teachers worldwide; it is a week in which you can reward the teacher of your choice with a present.</p>

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May	12— Fibromyalgia Awareness Day (U.S.) A day to increase awareness of this chronic and life-altering disorder by educating the general public, health-care professionals, government officials and legislative bodies.
	15— Palestinian Culture Day (Santa Clara County) Celebrates Palestinian-American heritage.
	27— African Freedom Day (South Africa) Peace, unity, the preservation and the restoration of human dignity hallmarks Freedom Day celebrations on the 27th of April of each year.
	30— Memorial Day (U.S.) A day to remember U.S. heroes and those who have died.
	Asian-American, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month (U.S.) A celebration of the culture, traditions and history of Asian-Americans and Pacific-Islanders in the United States.
	Haitian Heritage Month (Haiti/International) To celebrate Haitian achievements and contributions across the globe. To raise awareness and understanding about Haitian culture and traditions.
	Jewish-American Heritage Month (U.S.) Pay tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who have helped form the fabric of American history, culture and society.
	Older Americans Month (U.S.) Recognizes the contributions of older Americans in addition to the wisdom, strength and compassion they instill in their families and communities.
June	14— Flag Day Day commemorating the adoption of the flag of the United States.
	19— Juneteenth (U.S.) Commemorates the arrival of union troops in Texas in June 1865 and the freeing of slaves who had not been told of the Emancipation Proclamation.

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June	<p>ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Month (International) An opportunity to highlight the impact of this disease, promote understanding of the illness and support efforts to find a cure.</p>
	<p>Caribbean-American Heritage (U.S.) Recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States.</p>
	<p>Gay and Lesbian Pride Month (U.S.) Nationally proclaimed month to celebrate gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender pride.</p>
July	<p>4— Independence Day (U.S.) Marks when the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.</p>
	<p>26— Anniversary of the Signing of the ADA (U.S.) Celebrates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.</p>
	<p>Diversity Appreciation Month (U.S.) Celebrates the diversity each of us brings to our workplace, school and community.</p>
	<p>Family Reunion Month (U.S.) Honoring the long tradition of connecting far-flung families during the summer months.</p>
	<p>Healthy Aging Month (U.S.) Observed to focus national attention on the positive aspects of growing older.</p>
	<p>Hispanic Heritage Month (U.S.) September 15 to October 15 Celebrates the contributions and achievements of the diverse cultures within the Hispanic community.</p>
August	<p>6— Hiroshima Day (International) To commemorate the dropping of the first atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.</p>
	<p>8— Best Friends Day (U.S.) <i>Best Friend Day</i> is a time to enjoy and appreciate your best friend. It is a day to honor and cherish the relationship.</p>

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August	26— Women's Equality Day (U.S.) Celebrating women's right to vote.
September	11— Patriot Day (U.S.) Day of remembrance and anniversary of 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.
	17— Citizenship Day (U.S.) Honors the more than 100,000 people from other countries who become U.S. citizens each year.
	18-24— Deaf Awareness Week (U.S.) In commemoration of the first World Congress of the Deaf held the last week of September 1951.
	Breast Cancer Awareness Month (U.S.) Dedicated to increasing awareness of the importance of early detection of breast cancer.
	Diversity Awareness Month (U.S.) Specific time of the year for all schools, businesses and governmental agencies to explore our country's diversity and all the benefits derived from a pluralistic society.
	Hispanic Heritage Month (U.S.) Paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.
	National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month (U.S.) Recognize and reverse the growing youth obesity epidemic in the United States.
	National Disability Employment Awareness Month (U.S.) Recognizes the potential for America's 30 million working-age people with disabilities.
October	10— World Mental Health Day (International) A day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy.
	15— National White Cane Safety Day (U.S.) Publicizes the needs of the blind and visually impaired.

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October	24— United Nations Day (International) An international holiday celebrating the anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations. The holiday "shall be devoted to making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for" its work.
	Gay and Lesbian History Month (U.S.) Educates the public about gay and lesbian historical figures and events.
	Italian-American Heritage Month (U.S.) Acknowledges the significant economic, cultural and political contributions of Italian-Americans.
	National American Indian Heritage Month (U.S.) Recognizes the great influence American Indians have had on the history, cultural development and continuing growth of the United States.
November	None
December	3— International Day of Disabled Persons (U.N.) Promotes the continuing integration of disabled persons into general society.
	10— Human Rights Day (U.N.) Commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 by the United Nations.
	26— Kwanzaa (U.S.) The seven-day celebration to honor Americans of African ancestry.

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