

- 21 International Day of Peace
- 22 Autumn Equinox
- 22 10am, annual AIDS Walk, sponsored by Professional AIDS Network, West Silver Lake Pavilion
- 26 Laylat al-Qadr C
- 28 Confucius' Birthday
- 30 Eid-ul-Fitr (Ramadan ends) C
- 30-10/1 Rosh HaShana (Jewish New Year 5769) ☆

OCTOBER

National Disability Awareness Month Diversity Awareness Month

- 1 International Day for the Elderly
 - 2 Gandhi's Birthday
 - 6 National Diversity Day
 - 8 International Speakers Lunch, 11:30, Balfour Hall at the Y. register by Monday at 289-3359
 - 9 Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) ☆
 - 9 Dussera ☸
 - 10 World Mental Health Day
 - 11 National Coming Out Day (GLBT)
 - 13 Columbus Day
 - 14-20 Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) ☆
 - 21 Shemini Atzeret ☆
 - 22 Simchat Torah ☆
 - 28 Diwali ☸
 - 31 Halloween
- TBA Mayor's International Welcome Reception

NOVEMBER

American Indian Heritage Month

- 2 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 4 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 International Speakers Lunch, 11:30, Balfour Hall at the Y. register by Monday at 289-3359
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 16 International Day of Tolerance
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
- 27 Thanksgiving Day
- 27 Mayor's International Thanksgiving Celebration. Congregational Church. By reservation only. hmatteson@hotmail.com

DECEMBER

Universal Human Rights Month

- 1 Rosa Parks Day (African American)
- 1 World AIDS Day
- 2 Independence Day (Laos)
- 3 International Day for Disabled Persons
- 7 Day of Hajj C
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 8 Eid-ul-Adha C
- 8 Bodhi Day ☸

- 10 International Speakers Lunch, 11:30, Balfour Hall at the Y. register by Mon. at 289-3359.
- 21 Winter Solstice
- 22-29 Hannukah ☆
- 25 Christmas Day †
- 26-1/1 Kwanzaa (African American)

International Film Series takes place every 2nd Wednesday, 6pm at the library. Free admission & popcorn.

Key:

- Local events
- ☆ Jewish holidays
- † Christian holidays
- ✳ Orthodox Christian holidays
- C Muslim holidays
- ☸ Hindu holidays
- ☸ Buddhist holidays

Notes: the exact dates for Muslim holidays depend on sighting of the crescent moon. Jewish holidays begin on sundown of the previous day.

For More Information:

More details on multicultural holidays and current local events are available through the Diversity Council's electronic newsletter (email info@diversitycouncil.org to subscribe) or at www.diversitycouncil.org/events.shtml.



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Diversity Council



Multicultural

Calendar 2008



Major religious holidays

- Christian
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Buddhist
- Hindu

Local cultural events

International celebrations and commemorations

*"Celebrate what you want to see more of."
Thomas J. Peters*

Diversity... It's All About Respect

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day 2008
- 7 Christmas ☿
- 9 International Speakers Lunch, 11:30, Balfour Hall at the Y. register by Mon. at 289-3359.
- 10 1st Muharram - Islamic New Year 1429 ☾
- 14 Makar Sankranti ☿
- 17 Diversity Council Annual Meeting. FREE. RSVP at info@diversitycouncil.org or 282-9951.
- 19 Ashura ☾
- 20 MLK Commemorative Service. Rochester Community Baptist Church. 3pm.
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
7:00 a.m. "We Have a Dream" Breakfast, Ramada Hotel & Conference Center. Tickets \$25. Register with the Chamber of Commerce 288-1122 or www.rochestermnchamber.com. 10am. Youth poster-making, rally preparation. Government Center.
11:45am. Rally. Govt. Center Rotunda.
12pm. Freedom March. Govt. Center to Radisson Plaza Hotel
1pm. MLK Commemorative Celebration. Birthday party following program. Radisson Plaza Hotel.
7:30 pm Harmony for Mayo, Rochester Community Baptist Church Choir at Christ United Methodist Church.
- 22 7pm, daughters of africa, Rochester Civic Theatre. Tickets \$12 at RCT box office.

FEBRUARY

African-American History Month

Rochester Reads: What if an entire community read the same book? Events take place all month. For details, check out www.rochesterreads.org. This year's selection: *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time*.

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 1-10 Rochester Winterfest: fun & fundraising with local nonprofits. rochesterwinterfest.com.
- 11 Rochester Reads author visit: Greg Mortenson. JM auditorium. 7 p.m.
- 5 Mardis Gras
- 6 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) ☿
- 7 Lunar New Year (Year of the Water Rat)
- 8 Nirvana Day ☾
- 11 Basant Panchami ☿
- 13 International Speakers Lunch, 11:30, Balfour Hall at the Y, register by Monday at 289-3359.
- 14-20 International Random Acts of Kindness Week

- 14 Valentines Day
- 18 President's Day
- 21 International Mother Tongue Day
- 29 Leap Day

MARCH

Women's History Month

- 6 Mahashivrati ☿
- 7 World Day of Prayer
- 8 International Women's Day
- 9 Daylight Saving Time begins
- 10 Great Lent begins ☿
- 12 International Speakers Lunch, 11:30, Balfour Hall at the Y, register by Monday at 289-3359.
- 16 Palm Sunday ☿☿
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Eid Moulad-un-Nabi ☾
- 20 Spring Equinox
- 21 Good Friday ☿
- 21 Holi ☿
- 21 Purim ☿
- 21 International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 23 Easter ☿

APRIL

Multicultural Communications Month

- 1 April Fools Day
- 9 International Speakers Lunch, 11:45, Balfour Hall at the Y, register by Monday at 289-3359.
- 13 New Year (Thai, Cambodian, Lao, Burmese)
- 11-12 World Festival, Mayo H.S.
11 - Multicultural Stage Show, 7pm
12 - Parade of Nations, exhibits, ethnic food, children's activities, fashion show, ethnic bazaar. Free. 10am - 3pm
- 20-27 Passover ☿
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Administrative Professionals Day
- 25 Holy Friday ☿
- 25 Arbor Day
- 25-27 Gathering of Nations Pow Wow
- 27 Pascha/Easter ☿

MAY

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

National Older Peoples Month

- 1 May Day
- 1 National Day of Prayer
- 2 Holocaust Day
- 3 World Press Freedom Day
- 5 Cinco de Mayo (Mexican)

- 11 Mother's Day
- 11 Pentecost ☿
- 14 International Speakers Lunch, 11:45, Balfour Hall at the Y, register by Monday at 289-3359.
- 20 Wesak (Buddha Day) ☾
- 17 Armed Forces Day
- 17 Sittende Mai (Norwegian Independence Day)
- 23 African Liberation Day
- 28 Memorial Day

JUNE

Pride Month

- 6 National Day (Sweden)
- 9-10 Shavuot ☿
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth (African-American)
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 20 Midsummer's Day
- 21-29 Rochesterfest
- 26 Somali Independence Day
- 26 International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
- 28 Stonewall Rebellion Day (GLBT)

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 12 PrideFest in Central Park, 11-5. Check diversitycouncil.org for more events on PrideFest weekend
- 18 Wassana (Dharma Day) ☾
- 24 Pioneer Day (Mormon)
- 28-Aug 3 Olmsted County Fair
- TBA Mayor's International Picnic, 6-8:30, Silver Lake Park West Shelter. Bring a dish to share.

AUGUST

- 6 Peace Lantern Floating Ceremony, dusk, Silver Lake Park East Shelter
- 12 International Youth Day
- 24 Janmashtami ☿
- TBA Greek Festival. Live bands, dancing, Greek food & desserts.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Ramadan begins ☾
- 8 Labor Day
- 10 International Speakers Lunch, 11:30, Balfour Hall at the Y. register by Mon. at 289-3359
- 11 Day of Remembrance
- 14 Harvest Moon Festival (East Asia)
- 9/15-10/15 Hispanic Heritage Month
- 17 Citizenship Day