

Bloomington Commission Update

Human Rights Commission

Celebrate American Indian Heritage Month

November 2016

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**Human Rights
We can help!**

- If you feel you have been discriminated against in Bloomington, call the Bloomington Human Rights Commission at 952-563-8733 (TTY: 952-563-8740).

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Human Rights Mediation Brochure

- The Commission has a brochure on mediation services available to individuals who feel they may have been discriminated against in Bloomington.
- The brochure is available in English and Spanish. For a copy of the brochure, call 952-563-8733 (TTY: 952-563-8740).

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Human Rights *E-Subscribe*

- Keep informed about HRC news and activities.
- *E-Subscribe* will automatically notify you when updates are posted to the City's website about topics that you choose are important to you.
- To sign up for *E-Subscribe*, visit the City's homepage at BloomingtonMN.gov.

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Human Rights Recorded City Message

- The after hours message on the City's answering machine has been recorded in Chinese, English, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

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May we speak to your group?

- May we speak to your Group? Commission members are available to make a presentation or discuss any concerns you may have. Call 952-563-8733 to schedule a Commissioner to speak or attend your group.

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Human Rights Commission Postcard

- The HRC postcard is now available in several languages (English, Chinese, Russian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese).

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Human Rights Get Involved!

- The nine member Human Rights Commission meets the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the McLeod Conference Room at the Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.
- The public is encouraged to attend.

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Community Center Task Force

- The Chairperson of the HRC, Dennis Kane, assisted in presenting the final report of the Community Center Task Force to the City Council at its meeting on Monday, October 10th. The Task Force met eight (8) times between April 4 through August 23, 2016. Seventeen (17) individuals were appointed to the Task Force, representing various facets of the community.

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Adult Member(s) Needed

- The City of Bloomington is seeking applications for adults on the Human Rights Commission. Applicants are appointed by the City Council and must be residents of Bloomington. Call 952-563-8733 or visit www.BloomingtonMN.gov. Keyword: Boards and Commissions.

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Exciting History Event

Untold Stories about Black Baseball in Minnesota

- **Play by Play: Recalling Minnesotans and the Negro Baseball League**, will take place on Thursday, November 17, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis.

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Human Rights 2040 Comprehensive Plan

- Xavier Bicott, Commissioner, will serve as a Representative on the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan's Advisory Committee.

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Human Rights Voices Heard 2016

- Voices Heard 2016: A Conversation Between Youth and Cops, will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Kennedy Senior High School, Bloomington.

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American Indian Heritage Month

- The Bloomington Human Rights Commission honors American Indian Heritage Month with the following events at the Bloomington Civic Plaza:
 - ❑ *Why Treaties Matter* Exhibit, November 2 – 9 and 15 – 30, 2016. This traveling exhibit explores Minnesota's Native nations and the history of treaty-making with the U.S. Government.
 - ❑ Coffee with the Curator on November 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and November 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Join curator Jim Jones, Interim Director of the MN Indian Affairs Council, for a guided tour of the *Why Treaties Matter* exhibit.
 - ❑ Macaroni at Midnight on November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (reception at 6:00 p.m.). Hear activist Dr. Don Bartlette share his inspiring story growing up as a Chippewa Indian and how one person changed the course of his life. The program will also feature a historical perspective of American Indian culture in Bloomington.

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Olmstead Plan: Housing and Services

- The Olmstead Plan Housing and Services section provides a person with a disability the opportunity to be offered an “informed choice” to live in an integrated setting. People are choosing where they live, with whom and in what type of housing. Come listen to the history of the Olmstead Act, details on the Minnesota Olmstead Plan and hear from a panel of experts on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Bloomington Civic Plaza.

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- Melissa Manderschied will speak to the commission at its meeting on November 21, 2016. The focus of her presentation will be on the Open Meeting Law and the role and responsibilities of serving on an Advisory Commission.