



WELCOMING WEEK

September 10-19, 2021

Throughout Austin, neighbors of all backgrounds will come together to build strong connections and affirm the importance of welcoming and inclusive places to create home together.

Events are open to the public (unless noted) and the community is welcomed and encouraged to attend!

Welcoming Week Events: More info and updates at <https://www.facebook.com/austinhumanrightscommission>

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Mower County Commissioner Meeting, 1:30 PM, Government Center, 201 1st Street NE

Proclamation declaring September 10-19, 2021 as Welcoming Week

Austin City Council Meeting, 5:30 PM, City Hall, 500 4th Avenue NE

Proclamation by Mayor King declaring September 10-19, 2021 as Welcoming Week

Friday, September 10, 2021 Kick-off Event!!

Cedar River Farmers Market, 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM, 501 E. Oakland Avenue

Join local vendors as they display handmade arts/crafts/goods, seasonal produce and much more. Live entertainment by Paul Helm, food trucks and activities for kids. Dunk tank featuring local “celebrities”

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Multicultural Potluck, Tree Sculpture Reveal, 4:30 PM reveal, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM potluck Hormel Institute, 801 16th Avenue NE, ribbon cutting indoor lobby, potluck garden behind west building

Reveal of tree sculpture created at 4th Ave Fest. Multicultural potluck – everyone is asked to bring a taste of your culture to share. Plates, serving utensils, silverware and beverage will be provided. Come enjoy music and hands-on crafts with the WOW! Mobile Metal Lab. RSVP by Sept. 6 <https://www.hi.umn.edu/events/potluck-3/>

Monday, September 13 – Friday, September 17, 2021 Daily Storytime, Austin Public Library, 323 4th Avenue NE

Each day, Monday – Friday (13 – 17) the library will host one guest reader (in person) each day for story time featuring multicultural stories. Check the library website [Home | aplmn](#) or call (507) 433-2391 for times. Virtual multicultural stories will also be posted on their website during the week as well.

Monday, September 13, 2021

Human Rights Commission’s Write on Race to be Right on Race kickoff, 6:00 PM, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center Interpretive Center, 1304 21st Street NE

Registration required, space limited, cost is \$25.00

Cross-racial conversations that cultivate empathy and develop deep relationships that spur individuals to action.

Program will be conducted over a five-month period. Register at twiechma@ci.austin.mn.us

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Immigrant Voices, Immigrant Stories, 12:00 PM, Riverland Community College library, 1900 8th Avenue NW, East Campus

Hear the stories from local community members, from diverse backgrounds, share their personal experiences, and stories while contributing to the community to create home together. Light lunch provided.

Multicultural Storytime, 1:00 PM, Woodson Kindergarten School, (not open to the public)

Community members will share multicultural stories with the Woodson Critters, in their outdoor classroom.

Business Bike Tour, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Join the Austin Area Minority Business Project on a bike tour of local immigrant-owned businesses. Learn from some of the many cultures of Austin and try foods and products new to you. Meeting location and start of tour TBD. Watch our Facebook page @AAMBPMN and flyers for more info

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Flag Walk, 1:30 PM, Sumner Elementary School, 805 8th Avenue NW (weather permitting)

Watch students march with flags from around the world representing the people from many backgrounds who have chosen to make Austin their home.

Immigrant & Refugee Business Panel, Launch, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM, 401 N. Main Street (2nd Floor)

Are you interested in starting a business or learning from others who have started one? Or are you an interested community member? Join us to hear from a panel of immigrant & refugee business owners to learn from their experiences starting their own businesses in Austin.

Inviting Table Dinner, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Austin Congregational UCC, 1910 3rd Avenue NW

The Welcome Center will bring together a group of diverse community members, to share a meal and enjoy conversations with one another. Space is limited, RSVP is required, contact johana@austinwelcomecenter.org

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Citizenship Day Celebration, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Riverland Community College, 1900 8th Avenue NW, green space outside the gym doors (east campus). Hosted by ILCM and Austin Adult Learning

Celebrate community members who have recently become US Citizens. Light refreshments served.

Social Justice Book Club, 6:00 PM, Austin Public Library, conducted virtually via Zoom

Riverland staff will facilitate a discussion on the book *See Poverty ... Be the Difference*, registration is required and may be done by calling 433-2391 or emailing ask@aplmn.org.

Friday, September 17, 2021

YMCA Free Family Fun Night, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, 501 4th Ave NE

Explore what the YMCA at ACRC has to offer! Fun for the entire family. Registration required at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-fun-night-welcome-week-tickets-166072004837>

Fiesta Latina in the parking lot of the Tienda Guerrero store, 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM, 301 4th Avenue NE

Welcoming Week sponsors: Austin Human Rights Commission | The Hormel Institute | Welcome Center | Austin Public Library | Riverland Community College | Austin Area Arts | Immigrant Law Center | The YMCA | Cedar River Farmer’s Market | Sumner & Woodson Schools