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Owensboro Human Relations Commission

NEWSLETTER

MAKING A UNIFIED OWENSBORO

12 Current Board Members
&
1 Staff Member

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Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month: “Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future”

Hispanic Heritage Month is a month-long celebration of Hispanic and Latino history and culture. While we celebrate Hispanic and Latino communities beyond this month, from September 15 to October 15, we give extra recognition to the many contributions made to the history and culture of the United States, including important advocacy work, vibrant art, popular and traditional foods, and much more.

Hispanic Heritage Month provides an additional opportunity to explore the incredible impact Latinas and Latinos have had on the United States for generations.

Today, the Latino population in the United States is over 60 million, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This makes up 18.9% of the total population and is the largest racial or ethnic group. Latinos continue to help fuel our economy and enrich our nation as entrepreneurs, athletes, artists, entertainers, scientists, public servants, and much more.

Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future

It began as a week-long celebration in 1968 under President Johnson and was expanded to a month by President Reagan 20 years later in 1988.

The OHRC reflects upon those of Hispanic-Latino ancestry who have influenced our organization and our city



Inspiration for Today and Tomorrow

Hispanic Heritage Month does not cover one single month but instead begins in the middle of September and ends in the middle of October.

The timeframe of this month is significant because many Central American countries celebrate their independence days within these dates, beginning on September 15 with Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. By aligning with these independence dates, Hispanic Heritage Month honors the resilience and determination of the Hispanic community.

The Month Ahead

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We welcomed Rev. Rhondalyn Randolph as our new Interim Executive Director at the beginning of our September board meeting. Her first day was on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. She expressed her excitement for the upcoming months and working with the board. 5K Dreamers Dash was a success with a great turnout. Congratulations to the winners. Board member Jennifer Vogel presented dates for Housing Townhalls.

National Voter Registration Day

Sept.
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Get #VoteReady and ensure your community is ready to participate in our democracy. Many eligible Americans are not registered to vote, and every year, millions miss their chance due to missed deadlines, outdated registration, or uncertainty about how to register. Registration for the May 19 primary election closes on April 20, 2026.govote.ky.gov

Housing Townhall -Logsdon Center 2:00pm

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Townhall focused on discussing URLTA with local residents. The forum's aim is to determine whether community members have an interest in URLTA and whether they would encourage their elected officials to support passing the ordinance.

Housing Townhall-H.L. Neblett Community Center 10:00am

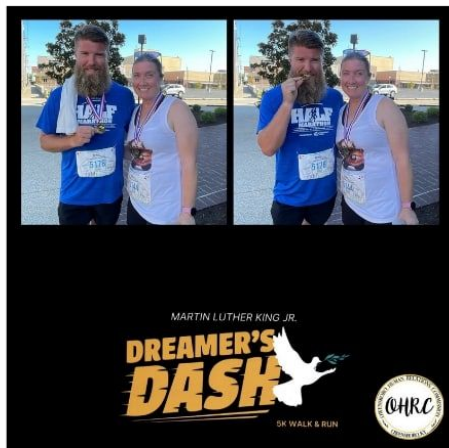
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Housing Townhall-OCTC Technical Building 5:30pm

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Grooving On the Green-Owensboro Convention Center 4:00pm-8:00pm

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October-Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Watch out for upcoming Breast Cancer Awareness Month events in our community.

OHRC Monthly Board Meeting

Oct. 1

Wednesday, October 1st at 5PM via Zoom or in-person at the City Hall 4th floor conference room.

The Agenda will be shared on Facebook and our Website.

World Mental Health Day

Oct. 10

The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health. The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.