



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

LIBRARY - BRECKENRIDGE ROOM, 240 W. 13 MILE RD.

**HUMAN RELATIONS AND EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

JULY 16, 2026 AT 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [1.](#) Minutes of June 18, 2026

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS

- [2.](#) Upcoming Events

BOOK CLUB

- [3.](#) Upcoming Meetings

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

- [4.](#) Revin' in the Heights

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Presentation to City Council

NEW BUSINESS

- [6.](#) Social Media Posts

ADJOURNMENT

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Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
June 18, 2026

A Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Vice Chair Brown.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Andrew Attard
Vice Chair Aaron Brown
Kate Kapas
Teresa Scott
Council Representative Alternate Emily Rohrbach

Also present, Staff Liaison Heather Hames

EXCUSED ABSENT

Ashley Strunk
Tanner Langdon
Council Representative Quinn Wright

ABSENT

Rebecca Chambliss
Chair Alec Yu
Student Member Aaron Dockery
Alternate Hannah Jarvie

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of May 27, 2026

Motion made by Council Alternate Rohrbach to approve the minutes of May 27, 2026,
Seconded by Kapas. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one present wishing to speak.

ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS

Upcoming events:

Sensory Movie - The Land Before Time on July 8 at 4 pm
Sensory Movie - Inside Out on July 18 at 2 pm
Adaptive Game Night for 16 and up - August 13 at 6 pm

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

2. Arts and Pride Summary

Event was better organized this year with a clear plan for vendors.
Attendance quadrupled due to the Drag Queen Story Time attention.
Members received a lot of positive feedback from vendors, attendees, and volunteers.
The planning committee will meet for a recap meeting on June 24 at 5:30 pm at the Library.

3. Revin' in the Heights

Registration will open soon. Event is set for September 19, 2026

4. Paradise Eve Lantern Festival Summary

More volunteers needed for next year, especially for clean-up.

5. Juneteenth

Juneteenth Flag Raising at City Hall, Friday June 19 at 8:00 am.
Sign-up form will go out by email for table coverage at the Juneteenth event.
Juneteenth scholarship announcement at 2:20 pm at the stage.

NOVELS AND NEIGHBORS BOOK CLUB

Heated Rivalry party and discussion had good attendance: 12 and a great book discussion.
Next meeting is of the book "Good People" on August 11 at 6:30 pm.

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

6. Social Media Posts

Council Representative Alternate Rohrbach will make posts for Pride, Juneteenth, and Disability Pride Month.
Vice Chair Brown will make post for Independence Day.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Promoting Programs and Events

Discussed ways to promote programs and events. No action taken.

8. Presentation to City Council

Seeking interested members to form a subcommittee.

9. Library Home Delivery Policy Review

Members suggested clarification on points 3, 6, and 7. Feedback will be given to the Library Director.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

**Adults
and
Teens
16 & up**

Item 2.

**Adaptive
Game Night
August 13 6 - 8 pm**



SIGN UP

ADAPTIVE GAME NIGHT

THURSDAY AUGUST 13 AT 6:00 PM

Human Relations and Equity Commission Adaptive Programs Fall 2026

Recommended Dates:

Adaptive Game Night – Youth 15 and Under – Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 pm.

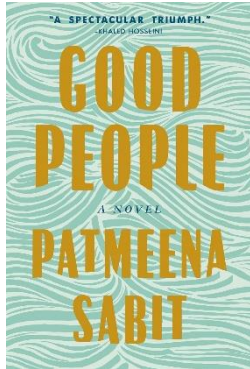
Sensory Movie Day – All ages – Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 2:00 pm.

Adaptive Game Day – 16 and Up – Saturday, November 14 at 2:00 pm

Human Relations and Equity Commission – Novels + Neighbors Book Club

Upcoming meetings

August 11 – Good People



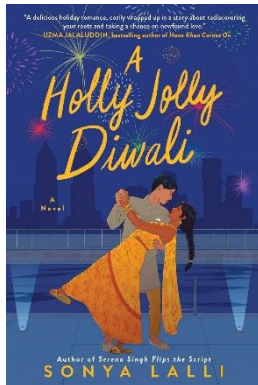
Zorah Sharaf could do no wrong. Zorah Sharaf brought shame upon her family. What's the truth? Depends on who you ask.

The Sharaf family is the picture of success. Prosperous, rich, happy. They came to this country as refugees with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. And now, after years of hard work, they live in the most exclusive neighborhood, their growing family attending the most prestigious schools. Zorah, the eldest daughter, is the apple of her father's eye.

When an unthinkable tragedy strikes, everyone is left reeling. There is talk that behind closed doors the Sharafs' happy household was anything but. Did the Sharaf family achieve the American dream? Or was the image of the model immigrant family just a façade?

Like a literary game of ping-pong, *Good People* compels the reader to reconsider what might have happened even on the previous page. It's a riveting, provocative story of family—sisters, brothers, mothers, fathers, and the communities that claim us as family in difficult times.

October 13 – Holly Jolly Diwali by Sonya Lalli

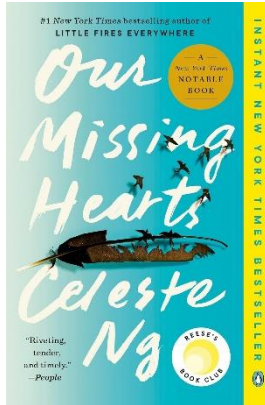


Twenty-nine-year-old Niki Randhawa has always made practical decisions. Despite her love for music and art, she became an analyst for the stability. She's always stuck close to home, in case her family needed her. And she's always dated guys that seem good on paper, rather than the ones who give her butterflies. When she's laid off, Niki realizes that practical hasn't exactly paid off for her. So for the first time ever, she throws caution to the wind and books a last-minute flight for her friend Diya's wedding.

Niki arrives in India just in time to celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights, where she meets London musician Sameer Mukherji. Maybe it's the splendor of Mumbai or the magic of the holiday season, but Niki is immediately drawn to Sam. At the wedding, the champagne flows and their flirtatious banter makes it clear that the attraction is mutual.

When Niki and Sam join Diya, her husband and their friends on a group honeymoon, their connection grows deeper. Free-spirited Sam helps Niki get in touch with her passionate and creative side, and with her Indian roots. When she gets a new job offer back home, Niki must decide what she wants out of the next chapter of her life—to cling to the straight and narrow like always, or to take a leap of faith and live the kind of bold life the old Niki never would have dreamed of.

November 12 – ONLINE ONLY – *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng

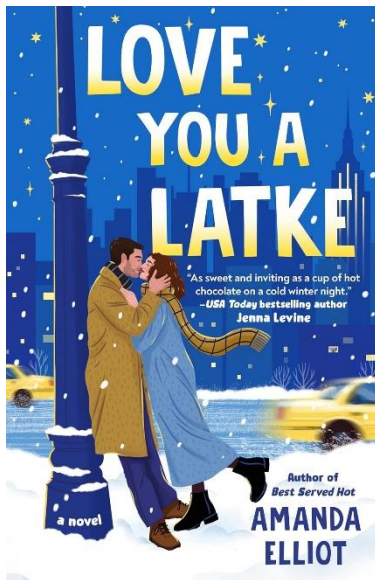


Twelve-year-old Bird Gardner lives a quiet existence with his loving father, a former linguist who now shelves books in a university library. His mother, Margaret, a Chinese American poet, left without a trace when he was nine years old. He doesn't know what happened to her—only that her books have been banned—and he resents that she cared more about her work than about him.

Then one day Bird receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, and soon he is pulled into a quest to find her. His journey will take him back to the many folktales she poured into his head as a child, through the ranks of an underground network of heroic librarians, and finally to New York City, where he will learn the truth about what happened to his mother and what the future holds for them both.

Our Missing Hearts is an old story made new, of the ways supposedly civilized communities can ignore the most searing injustice. It's about the lessons and legacies we pass on to our children and the power of art to create change.

December 8 – *Love You A Latke* by Amanda Elliot



Snow is falling, holiday lights are twinkling, and Abby Cohen is pissed. For one thing, her most annoying customer, Seth, has been coming into her café every morning with his sunshiny attitude, determined to break down her carefully constructed emotional walls. And, as the only Jew on the tourism board of her Vermont town, Abby's been charged with planning their fledgling Hanukkah festival. Unfortunately, the local vendors don't understand that the story of Hanukkah cannot be told with light-up plastic figures from the Nativity scene, even if the Three Wise Men wear yarmulkes.

Desperate for support, Abby puts out a call for help online and discovers she was wrong about being the only Jew within a hundred miles. There's one other: Seth.

As it turns out, Seth's parents have been badgering him to bring a Nice Jewish Girlfriend home to New York City for Hanukkah, and if Abby can survive his incessant, irritatingly handsome smiles, he'll introduce her to all the vendors she needs to make the festival a success. But over latkes, doughnuts, and winter adventures in Manhattan, Abby begins to realize that her fake boyfriend and his family might just be igniting a flame in her own guarded heart.



Rev'N in the Heights Sponsorship & Award Opportunities

Title Sponsorship – Available

- Title Sponsorship – The “Your Company’s Name” Madison Heights Rev’N in the Heights Car Show. Includes your logo embedded in the show’s logo identity. Your Company listed on our Flyer/Event Facebook page/ website.
- Custom Award given in company’s name
- Largest Logo on Event Banner and Event Shirt
- Opportunity to have multiple 3’x8’ banners displayed at show (you provide)
- Premiere display space at the event - 20’x20’ tent space or larger
- Lawn sign/banner at event (we provide)
- Listing for a year on Rev’N in the Heights website
- Opportunity to include your promotional items in goodie bags
- Opportunity to tag Rev’N in the Heights on your social media
- Multiple dedicated mentions on Facebook Event page
- 8 free passes to display show vehicles

Cost \$5000

Presenting Sponsorship – Available

- Presenting Sponsorship – Madison Heights Rev’N in the Heights Car Show presented by “Your Company’s Name”. Includes your logo embedded in the shows logo identity.
- Your Company listed on our Flyer/Event Facebook page/ website.
- Custom Award given in company’s name
- Second Largest Logo on Event Banner and Event Shirt
- Premiere display space at the event - 10’x20’ tent or other
- Lawn sign/banner at event
- Listing for a year on Rev’N in the Heights website
- Opportunity to include your promotional items in goodie bags
- Opportunity to tag Rev’N in the Heights on your social media
- Multiple dedicated mentions on Facebook Event page
- 4 free passes to display show vehicles

Cost \$2000

Choice Awards – 5 available (Mayor’s Choice, Police Chief’s Pick, Fire Chief’s Pick, City Manager Pick, and Kids’ Pick)

- Your business listed on Choice Award
- Third Largest Logo on Event Banner and Event Shirt
- Opportunity to have a 10’x10 vendor/promotional space at no charge
- Lawn sign/banner at event
- Listing for a year on Rev’N in the Heights website
- Opportunity to include your promotional items in goodie bags
- Opportunity to tag Rev’N in the Heights on your social media

- Mention on Facebook Event page
- 2 free passes to display show vehicles

Cost \$500

Select Picks Awards Program Sponsorship – 4 Total Opportunities

- Your business listed on one of four Select Picks Awards – award theme tailored to promote your business
- Logo on Event Banner and Event Shirt
- Opportunity to have a 10'x10 vendor/promotional space at no charge
- Lawn sign/banner at event
- Listing for a year on Rev'N in the Heights website
- Opportunity to include your promotional items in goodie bags
- Opportunity to tag Rev'N in the Heights on your social media
- Mention on Facebook Event page
- 1 free pass to display show vehicle

Cost \$400

Silver Sponsor – 10 Total Opportunities (8 available)

- Lawn sign/Banner at event (you provide)
- Logo on Event Banner and Event Shirt
- Opportunity to have a 10'x10 vendor/promotional space at half price (\$50)
- Opportunity to include your promotional items in goodie bags
- Opportunity to tag Rev'N in the Heights on your social media
- Mention on Facebook Event page
- 1 free pass to display show vehicle

Cost \$300

Bronze Sponsor – Unlimited Opportunities

- Small Logo on Event Banner and Event Shirt
- Opportunity to include your promotional items in goodie bags
- Opportunity to tag Rev'N in the Heights on your social media
- Mention on Facebook Event page

Cost \$250

Special Event Segments -

Cost \$750

- **Post Show Parade** – Police escort of show cars immediately following the show to a coordinated gathering spot for food and drinks.
- **Kids & Craft Area** – Specially curated activities for kids and families in a dedicated area.
- **Car Show Limbo** – Go where the only the lowest of the low cars can go! Watch the show cars cruise under the limbo bar for the title of Limbo King!
- **Free RC Car Racing** – Let your inner Grand Prix driver come out as you challenge yourself to a fastest lap around a 600 sq. ft race track with pro grade cars and instructors!
- **Morning Hospitality** – Complimentary coffee and donuts while supplies last from the on-site donut truck.

Event Segment Opportunity Benefits include -

- Special Area Designation and/or Banner with Company Logo
- Large Logo on Event Banner and Event Shirt
- Opportunity to have a 10'x10 vendor/promotional space at no charge
- Lawn sign/banner at event
- Listing for a year on RO Historical Museum website
- Opportunity to include your promotional items in goodie bags
- Opportunity to tag Royal Oak Historical Museum Show on your social media
- Mention on Facebook Event page
- 2 free passes to display show vehicles

Contact for more information –
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DRAFT 2026 Recognition Days and Months – Madison Heights HREC

January

January 1 New Year's Day

January 19 MLK Jr Day

January 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day

February

Black History Month

February 17 Lunar New Year

February 17 – March 19 Ramadan

March

Women's History Month

March 2-3 Purim

March 4 Holi

March 19-20 Eid-al-fitr

March 31 Trans Day of Visibility

April

National Arab American Heritage Month

April 2 World Autism Day

April 1-9 Passover

April 5 Easter

April 12 Orthodox Easter

May

Mental Health Awareness Month

Jewish Heritage Month

Asian and Pacific Islander Month

May 5 Cinco de Mayo

May 25 Memorial Day

May 26-27 Eid-al-adha

June

Pride Month

June 19 Juneteenth

July

Disability Pride Month
July 4 Independence Day

August

Wellness Month
Black Business Owners Month
August 9 International Day of the Worlds' Indigenous People
August 26 Women's Equality Day

September

Hispanic Heritage Month
Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
September 7 Labor Day
9/11
September 11-13 Rosh Hashanah
September 20-21 Yom Kippur
September 25 Michigan Indian Day

October

October 13 Indigenous People's Day

November

Native American Heritage Month
November 1-2 Day of the Dead
November 8 Diwali
November 11 Veteran's Day
November 13 World Kindness Day
November 20 Trans Day of Remembrance

December

Hanukkah December 4-12
Christmas December 25
Kwanzaa December 26 – January 1
New Year's Eve December 31