

City of Madison Heights Human Relations and Equity Commission Summary

August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024

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Meetings & Staff Liaison Hours

	Meeting	Agenda	Minutes	Book Club*	Social Media	Staff Hours	Notes
8/1/2023	1.75	1	1	1	0.5	5.25	
8/21/2023	0.5	0.5	0.5			1.5	
8/31/2023	1.5	1	1		3	6.5	September Meeting
10/11/2023	1	1	1	1	0.5	4.5	
11/28/2023	1.75	1	1	1	0.5	5.25	
12/1/2023					1	1	No Business
1/18/2024	1	1	1	1	2	6	
2/15/2024	1	1	1	1		4	
3/21/2024	1.5	1	1	1	1	5.5	
4/4/2024	0.5	0.5	0.5			1.5	
4/18/2024	0.5	1	1	1	0.5	4	
5/16/2024	1.75	1	1	1		4.75	
6/20/2024	1.5	1	1	1	1	5.5	
7/18/2024	1.5	1	1	1	0.5	5	
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13 Meetings						64.25	Total Staff Hours (estimated)

Programs & Events

- August 2, 2023 – Jewish History Talk on Detroit, approximately 12 attendees combined (2 dates).
- August 6, 2023 - Jewish Detroit Bus Tour in collaboration with the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, approximately 30 attendees.
- September 17, 2023 - Native Plant Sale Fundraiser raised \$1,337.42
- October 14, 2023 – Motorama & Smoke event planned, cancelled due to weather.
- May 2024 – City Manager presentation at HREC led to discussion of Communication Boards for City parks, currently under way in partnership with Autism Alliance of Michigan.



Community Event Participation

November 2023 – Madison School District World Fair night sharing information about HREC and promoting the book club, cookbook project, and other activities.

November 27, 2023 – Participated in the City's Annual Tree Lighting

March 2024 – Oakland County Bar Association promoting and sharing information with local schools about this mock trial program to educate youth about the justice system.

June 15, 2024 – Juneteenth

June 23, 2024 – Arts & Pride event

July 2024 – Disability Pride Month ADA Anniversary Celebration. Co-sponsored with Madison Heights Arts Board.

Novels and Neighbors Book Club

The book club name changed in November 2023 from Diverse Voices in order to be more inclusive.

Ttile	In Person	Print	Book on CD	Libby ebook	Libby audio	
Warrior Girl Unearthed	3	12	0	5	9	29
Olga Dies Dreaming	4	17	0	0	3	24
Before I Let Go	2	13	0	2	4	21
Stealing	3	19	0	0	6	28
Maus	3	16	n/a	n/a	n/a	19
Children of Blood and Bone	5	34	0	0	13	52
The Little Liar	3	26	7	13	5	54
Heaven & Earth Grocery Store	5	85	14	31	39	174
Welcome to the Hyunam-Dong Bookshop	5	38	n/a	4	3	50
A Fire So Wild	3	21	n/a	0	2	26
Hula	4	17	n/a	3	6	30
Total Participation	36	281	21	55	84	507

Cookbook Project

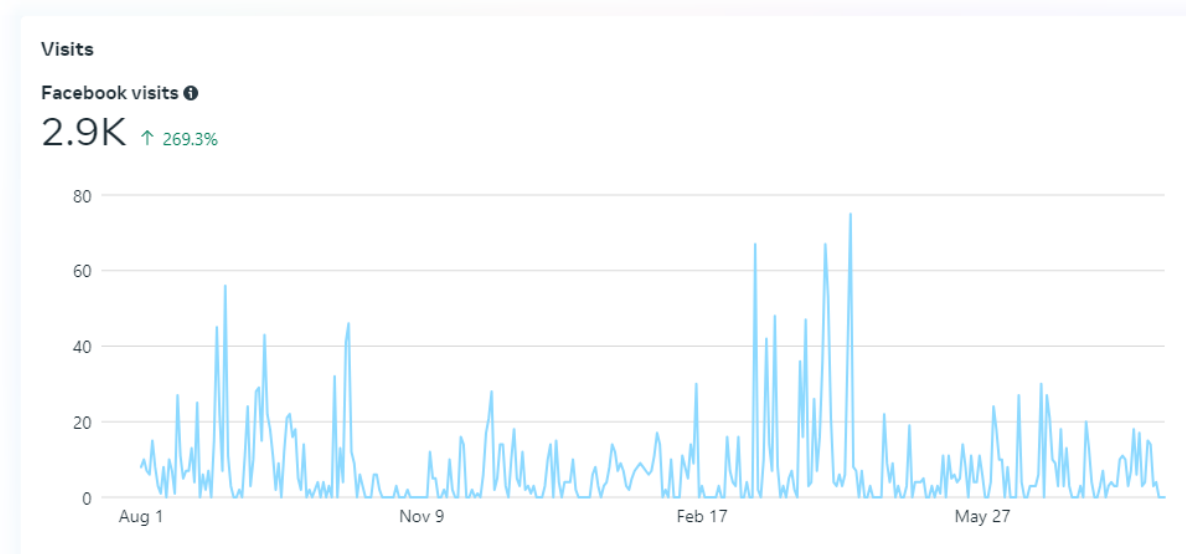
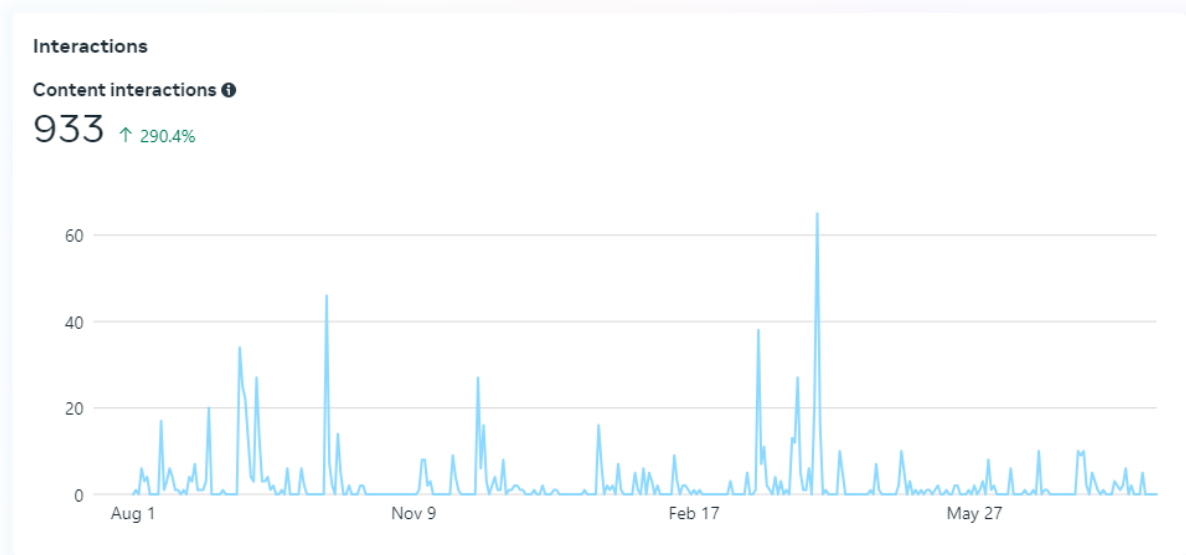
The cookbook project is ongoing. Currently still in the process of promoting the project and collecting recipes. Seeking recipes from individuals, businesses, City Leadership, City staff, and other community members.

[Submit Recipes Here](#)



Social Media Content Calendar and Engagement

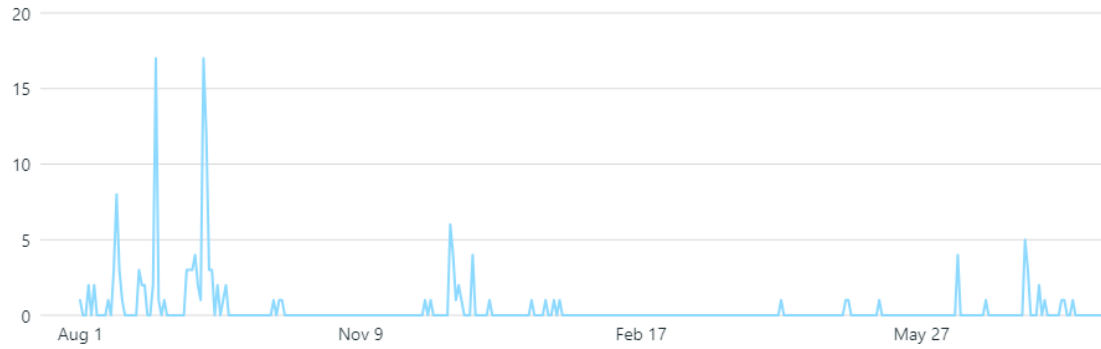
One of the HREC's Work Plan items is to share information about different cultural holidays and heritage recognition months with the community on social media. This has increased social media engagement and reached an increasing number of community members on the Facebook format. These posts have been the most popular posts over the last 12 months reaching about 1500 people on average.



Link clicks

Facebook link clicks ⓘ

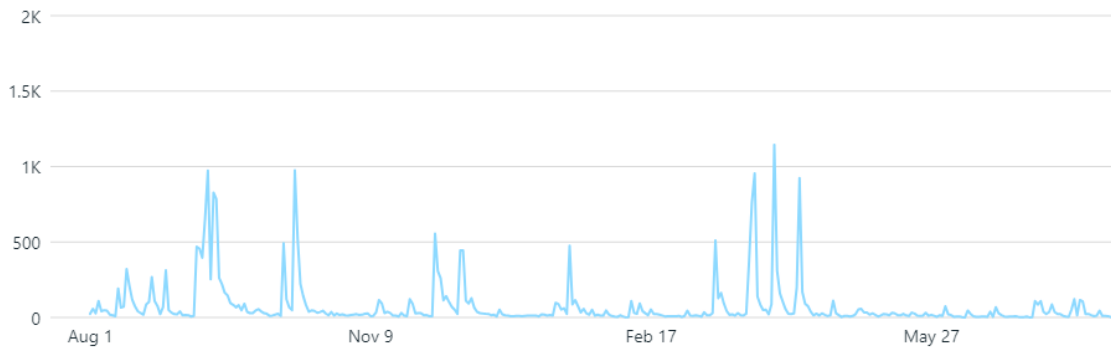
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Reach

Facebook reach ⓘ

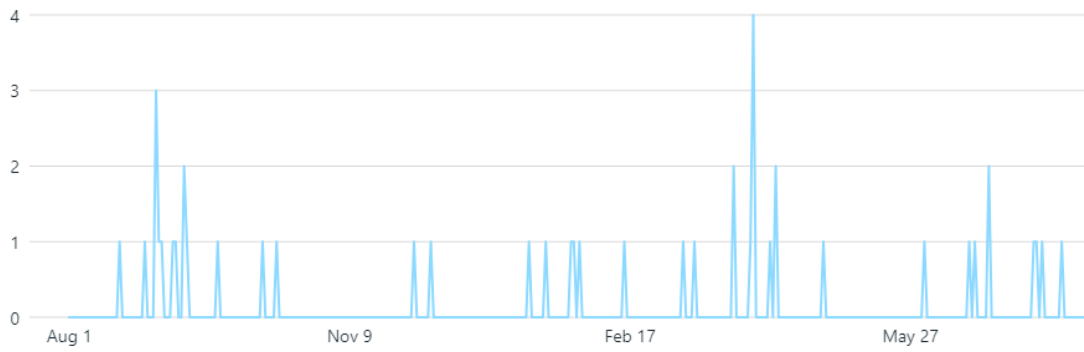
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Follows

Facebook follows ⓘ

45 ↓ 37.5%



HREC in the Local News

Jewish History in Detroit - <https://www.candgnews.com/news/michigans-jewish-history-is-for-everybody-3090>

Native Plant Sale - <https://www.candgnews.com/news/news--notes--92023-madisonpark-news-3497>

Motorama & Smoke - <https://www.candgnews.com/news/car-food-cultures-collide-at-motorama--smoke-3538>

Juneteenth - <https://www.candgnews.com/news/madison-heights-juneteenth--celebration-returns-to-civic-center-park-5663>

Revin' in the Heights and Cookbook- <https://www.candgnews.com/news/calling-all-cooks-and-car-lovers-5992>