

Cultural Calendar

January

- Emancipation Proclamation (Jan 1st)
- World Braille Day (Jan 4th)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan 19th in 2026)

February

- Black History Month
- Lunar New Year (Jan/Feb) (Feb 17th in 2026)
- Ramadan Begins (Feb 17th – Mar 19th in 2026)

March

- Women's History Month
- Holi (Mar 4th in 2026)
- Nowruz - (Iranian New Year/Persian New Year) (Mar 20th)
- Ramadan ends Eid-al-Fitr (Mar 19th in 2026)
- Cesar Chavez Day (Mar 31st)
- International transgender day of visibility (Mar 31st)

April

- Deaf Heritage Month
- Arab American Heritage Month
- Passover (Apr 1st – 9th in 2026)

May

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Jewish American Heritage Month

June

- Pride Month
- Immigrant Heritage Month
- Juneteenth (Jun 19th)

July

- Disability Pride Month
- Americans with Disability Act (Jul 26th)

August

- International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (UN) (Aug 9th)

- Raksha Bandhan (Aug 9th in 2026)
- National Senior Citizens Day (Aug 21st)

September

- Hispanic Heritage Month (Sep 15th – Oct 15th)
- Rosh Hashanah (Sep 22nd – 24th in 2025)

October

- Yom Kippur (Oct 1st – 2nd in 2025)
- Disability Heritage Month
- Indigenous Peoples Day (Oct 13th)
- World Mental Health Day (Oct 10th)
- National Coming Out Day (Oct 11th)
- Diwali (between Oct/November based on Hindu lunar calendar) (Oct 20th in 2025)

November

- Native American Heritage Month
- Dia de Los Muertos (Nov 1st – 2nd)
- Transgender Day of Remembrance (Nov 20th)

December

- Rosa Parks Day (Dec 1st)
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec 3rd)
- Hanukkah (Dec 14th – 22nd in 2025)
- Kwanzaa (Dec 26th – Jan 1st)

DEI Topic Coverage and Celebrations

African Americans:

- **Juneteenth Event**

- June 19th, 2021
- June 18th, 2022
- June 17th, 2023
- June 19th, 2024
- June 19th, 2025

Speaker Series:

- **March 2023** - *Displacing Black Portland: A History of Housing Discrimination* by Zachary Stocks
- **February 2025** - *Black Exclusion in Oregon* by Mariah Rocker

Boones Ferry Messenger:

- **February 2023** – Explores Black Americans’ contributions to ecology and nature
- **May 2024** – Historical origins of Juneteenth and our local city celebration

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- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 19th in 2026)
- Black History Month (February)
- Juneteenth (June 19th)
- Rosa Parks Day (December 1st)
- Kwanzaa (December 26th – January 1st)

Islam:

Speaker Series:

- **April 2023** - *Growing up Muslim in Clackamas County* by Imran Haider

Boones Ferry Messenger:

- **May 2022** – A day in the life participating in Ramadan
- **April 2024** – Charity and thankfulness during Ramadan
- **March 2025** – Details about Ramadan & local celebration

Dates of Significance:

- Ramadan Begins (February 17th – March 19th)
- Ramadan ends Eid-al-Fitr (March 19th)
- Arab American Heritage Month (April)

LGBTQIA+:

- **Pride Month Event**
 - June 1st, 2024
 - June 7th, 2025

Speaker Series:

- **March 2024** - *LGBTQIA+: Understanding and Allyship* by Erika Pham

Boones Ferry Messenger:

- **June 2022** – Information about Pride-related terms and how to support Pride
- **June 2025** – Historical origins of Pride Month, Wilsonville Pride organization, and our local city celebration

Dates of Significance:

- International transgender day of visibility (March 31st)
- Pride Month (June)
- National Coming Out Day (October 11th)
- Transgender Day of Remembrance (November 20th)

Judaism:

Speaker Series:

- **May 2023** - *The Mainstreaming of Antisemitism in America* by Bob Horenstein
- **May 2025** - *Celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month* by Judy Margles

Boones Ferry Messenger:

- N/A

Dates of Significance:

- Passover (April 1st – 9th)
- Jewish American Heritage Month (May)
- Rosh Hashanah (August 22nd – 24th in 2025)
- Yom Kippur (October 1st – 2nd in 2025)
- Hanukkah (December 14th – 22nd in 2025)

Disabilities:

Speaker Series:

- **July 2023** - *The Culture, Language and Etiquette of Disability* by Ian Jaquiss

Boones Ferry Messenger:

- **September 2022** – ADA and barriers facing those with disabilities and their impact
- **July 2023** – Living with disabilities and support provided by the community and city

Dates of Significance:

- World Braille Day (January 4th)
- Deaf Heritage Month (April)
- Disability Pride Month (July)
- Americans with Disability Act (July 26th)
- Disability Heritage Month (October)
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3rd)

Latino:

- **Las Posadas Event**
 - December 19th, 2023
 - December 17th, 2024
 - December 18th, 2025 (Upcoming)

Speaker Series:

- **February 2024** - *Fleeing Displacement and Escaping El Salvador's Civil War* by Elizabeth Brashear
- **September 2024** - *PODER, Oregon's Latino Leadership Network* by Anthony Veliz

Boones Ferry Messenger:

- **October 2023** – Hispanic Heritage Month and embracing your own heritage

Dates of Significance:

- Cesar Chavez Day (March 31st)
- Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th – October 15th)
- Dia de Los Muertos (November 1st)

Asian American Pacific Islander:

- **Lunar New Year Event**
 - January 11th, 2025

Boones Ferry Messenger:

- N/A

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Indigenous Peoples:

Speaker Series:

- **May 2024** - *Building Community Through Culture* by Renee Roman Nose

Boones Ferry Messenger:

- N/A

Dates of Significance:

- International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (UN) (August 9th)
- Indigenous Peoples Day (October 13th)
- Native American Heritage Month (November)

Other Minority Topics:

Speaker Series:

- **June 2023** - *Systemic Racism in Oregon Schools* by Rudyane Rivera-Lindstrom
 - **April 2024** - *A Couple's Search for Sanctuary* by Bob Furughi and Kiana Furughi
 - **October 2024** - *Recognizing World Mental Health Day* by Brenda Evans, Robbie Croft, & Stacy England
 - **March 2025** - *Celebrating Women's History Month* by Jeanie Nguyen, Cara Turano, & Pleschette Fontenet
- Speaker Series:

Boones Ferry Messenger:

- **November 2022** – Celebrating Thanksgiving as an ethnic minority and viewing multiple perspectives
- **November 2024** – Naming of future streets for past underrepresented justice seekers
- **June 2025** - *Immigrant Heritage Month* by Teresa Alonso Leon

General DEI:

Speaker Series:

- N/A

Boones Ferry Messenger:

- **March 2022** – What is the DEI committee and what work is being done
- **March 2023** – The importance of using more inclusive language and resources to do so
- **June 2024** – Defines diversity, equity, and inclusion & their roles in our city