



May 2021



**MAY IS
ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH**

According to the U.S. Census website, in 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. The first 10 days of May were chosen to coincide with two important milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and contributions of Chinese workers to the building of the transcontinental railroad, completed May 10, 1869.

In 1992, Congress expanded the observance to a monthlong celebration that is now known as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Per a 1997 U.S. Office of Management and Budget directive, the Asian or Pacific Islander racial category was separated into two categories: one being Asian and the other Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. Source: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2021/asian-american-pacific-islander.html>.

To make it more personal, in light of the recent abuse targeting Asian Americans, at the February 24th Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement meeting, Youth Commissioner, Yiling (Beverly) Xie spoke about the violence against elderly Asian Americans. If you would like to view her statement, you can find it on the city website here, (beginning at 05:00). <https://webstreaming.ctv15.org/viewer.php?streamid=4762>

If you want to find out of the history of Asian American that Beverly referred to, one source would be this 5-part series on Asian Americans from PBS. <https://www.pbs.org/weta/asian-americans/episode-guide/>



Wednesday Park Chats

10:00 am — till the talking is done

Each week will be a different Roseville Park

Connections! We need them! As more and more of us are vaccinated, we want to take advantage of the great parks in Roseville to make connections outdoors. We invite you to join us on Wednesday mornings for informal chats to get to know others in our community. Each week we will pick a different park to meet (Roseville has 30 of them!). Bring your own chair and your favorite morning beverage and talk to others in person! We will still respect Cov-Id restrictions and ask that you wear a mask. Here are the parks we will meet at in May:

May 12	Keller Mayflower Park	2070 Fernwood Street	Street parking, little park, we will be easy to see
May 19	Pocahontas Park	2540 Pascal Street	Street parking, right side of the park
May 26	Acorn Park	286 County Road C West	Parking lot, we will be at end of lot to the right

Racism in Policing**Thursday, May 6, 2021****6:00—7:30 pm (via Zoom)****Registration required: <https://tinyurl.com/ssz6ataz>**

Duchess Harris, professor of American studies and political science, will talk about the historical institutions and laws that underpin today's system and what police departments and the communities they serve are doing to improve communication and relationships.

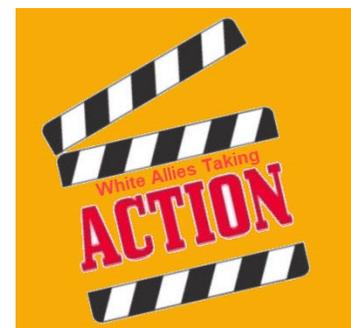
This is an online program offered remotely using Zoom communication software. You must register in advance for this program. After registering, you will receive an automated confirmation email.

This program is sponsored by the Shoreview Human Rights Commission and Do Good Roseville.

**Intersection of Race, Discrimination and Trauma****Thursday, May 13, 2021****6:30—8:30 pm (via Zoom)****Registration required: <https://tinyurl.com/28e3vps3>**

This National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) Minnesota-led workshop focuses on Black trauma due to experiences of racism, discrimination, and negative police interactions, and the effect these experiences have on the health and mental health of African Americans. Healing is addressed through focus on mental wellness for African Americans, and covers mental health, mental illness, the mental health system, and provides participants with information on mental health assessments, what they are, who can and cannot do an assessment, and other important information to address the most common barriers that prevent African Americans from help seeking.

This is a two-hour class that allows for open participant discussion. Registration required, see link above.

White Allies Taking Action (WATA) Discussion**Saturday, May 22****10:00 am to 12 pm****Lions Shelter****2527 Victoria Street North****Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/4rtbvbb5>**

We have to make sure that no one thinks the guilty verdict in the Chauvin trial means the work is done. It's just beginning—*again*. Racism is a White problem. If Black and Brown people had the power to solve it, it would have been eliminated hundreds of years ago.

We want to bring white allies together in one space to talk about specific actions that we can take to address the wide-ranging issues that plague our BIPOC community members. We don't have the answers, but we know if we bring together a bunch of people who are committed to change, we will be able to brainstorm and come up with specific things we can do. Time for action!



Supporting local restaurants!

This month we encourage you to explore local restaurants on your own. If you need suggestions, check out the list on our website. [MN Owned Roseville Area Restaurants – Do Good Roseville.](#)

If your favorite restaurant is missing please send us an email to let us know!

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