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Spring Newsletter - April 2024

Celebration



**Celebrate our amazing life-supporting planet
April 27 and 28th.**

Join educational and hands-on events and have FUN! **See the growing lineup of Earth Day activities on the [EVENTS](#) page.** **What will YOU do?**

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Holi Festival

Saturday, May 18 from 2pm to 4pm

Celebrate the spirit of multiculturalism in our town with the Holi Festival!

Holi (/holi/; Sanskrit: हो ली Holi) is a spring festival celebrated in the Indian subcontinent, also known as the “festival of colors” or the “festival of love”. Join us in the Middlesex Bank parking lot in downtown Natick. There will be eco-friendly dry powdered color available for all, Bollywood music with a DJ, and drinks and snacks for purchase.

[MORE HERE](#)

Conversation

EARTH DAY



Upcycled Art with Natick Is United

Saturday, April 27th from 9am to 1:00pm at the Earth Friendly Fair on the Natick Common

Natick Is United is excited to participate in **Earth Day All Around Natick**, a reimagined Earth Day celebration the weekend of April 27th-28th! Earth-friendly activities will be happening all over town, and we invite you to join us in the celebration!

Come learn about Natick Is United, and participate in our ongoing community art project using upcycled materials. Information and art for all ages! Visit EcoNatick.org to learn more about Saturday's Earth Friendly Fair on Natick Common, and other activities happening as part of Earth Day All Around Natick.

Advocacy



Family Promise Metrowest: Walk to End Homelessness

Sunday, May 5 from 12:00 PM 4:00 PM

Grab your sneakers, strollers, and leashes and join us for our largest fundraiser of the year, fueling our mission to transform the lives of families with children facing homelessness across the Metrowest region. The event will feature food, music, vendors, activities, and a community-wide celebration for all ages. Taking place at Natick High School, the event opens at 12:15 for same-day registration and the walk begins at 1:00. All funds raised support the programs that help families stabilize their housing and build brighter futures.

Go to Family Promise Metrowest [REGISTRATION](#) Page to register to walk, make a donation, or find a walker or team, or use the button below.

Education

CONFRONTING WHITE GRIEVANCE

VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM 2024



This year's symposium will go deep into the heart of unearthing white grievance with a keynote by Hajar Yazdhia, Ph.D., whose groundbreaking work in *The Struggle for the People's King* reveals that the modern-day roots of this current iteration of white grievance started in the Reagan years and progressed.



Our plenary includes longtime anti-racist stalwarts Tim Wise, Debby Irving, Chris Crass and Paul Marcus, who will address how white grievances show up in their work with white people, as well as offer real-time strategies for confronting white grievances in our communities.

**SATURDAY,
MAY 18TH
10 AM - 3 PM**



Join us to learn about the history of white grievance in the United States, how it is functioning in the present day, and what we can do about it.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Link to: [Natick Is United Racial Justice Series Resources](#)

RETURNING FALL 2024

Natick Is United
Racial Justice Series

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Advancing Brave Conversations about Race

3 evenings of racial justice training
New dates will be announced soon!

NatickIsUnited.org

Racial Justice Series

In February and March, Natick is United was pleased to offer our 3-part Racial Justice Series focused on education and awareness of systemic racism, and actionable efforts participants can take to make Natick a more equitable community. The series was facilitated by Myriam Hernandez Jennings, Executive Director and founder of NIU, and Consuela Greene of Root Cause.

Here's what some of our participants have said about the program:

- *An important part of the workshop was the shared experiences; gathering with people committed to the work.*
- *Appreciated the variety in the structure of presenting the material and the honest yet hopeful facilitators.*

We will again offer the Racial Justice Series this fall. Stay subscribed and check our website to find out when the series begins.



SUPPORT NATICK IS UNITED!

Please consider donating to NIU. Your contribution of any size helps us fulfill our goals of Advocacy, Education, Conversation and Celebration. In 2016 a broad coalition of Natick agencies and residents came together to respond to racist incidents in our town. Today we remain united in our values, and clear in our vision of a community where we value differences, and everyone belongs. Natick Is United is a 501c3 nonprofit organization serving Natick, MA and the surrounding areas.

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ABOUT NATICK IS UNITED

Natick is United is a town-wide network connecting people through advocacy, education, celebration, and conversation to build a vibrant community where we stand together and stand up for each other.

THE STATEMENT

1,093 signatures and still growing!
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