

About the Ethnic Issues Advisory Board

The Ethnic Issues Advisory Board began meeting in February 2003. They have established the following Mission, Objective, Goals and program plan.

Mission Statement:

The City of Troy Ethnic Issues Advisory Board further enriches harmonious relationships and open communication in our diverse community through education and multicultural exchange.

Objective:

To promote Troy's unique multicultural citizenship through various diversity recognition programs.

Goals:

1. Work in cooperation with our School Districts to facilitate programs that promote diversity and multiculturalism within our educational communities.
2. Support the Troy Daze Festival Committee in relation to planning and executing the EthniCity component of the Troy Daze Festival by encouraging the participation among our many ethnic communities.
3. Increase awareness of the City's diversity by offering training, programs, brochures and cable productions.



Troy is a community rich in cultural diversity. Over 80 different languages are spoken by families of students attending the Troy School District.

Diversity Month

Diversity Month is recognized during the month of May each year. The EIAB encourages schools, businesses, and faith institutions to mark this month on their calendars and partake in the celebration. If your organization does not currently have any programs that celebrate diversity, the EIAB encourages joining in during Troy's Diversity Month by hosting activities or displays like an ethnic dance, music program, encouraging members to wear native attire, presentations or cultural displays about different countries.

The spirit of Diversity Month can be celebrated in many ways. Because the City of Troy has such a unique mosaic of many beautiful cultures, our children are very privileged and lucky to grow up in such an atmosphere. The EIAB hopes Diversity Month will further strengthen this positive aspect of the Troy community.

Resource Guide

As the second-most diverse city in Michigan, the Ethnic Issues Advisory Board, in conjunction with the City of Troy, has compiled a resource listing of organizations and programs that serve the diverse ethnic groups in the area.

This resource guide—now on the City of Troy's Web site—contains more than 125 listings including cultural centers, schools, dance programs, churches, clubs, business societies and more.

In addition to the City's Web site at www.troymi.gov, hard copies may be obtained at City Hall or the Troy Public Library.

If you would be interested in submitting information on your organization to the Resource Listing, please provide the name of your organization/group, contact person, address, phone, e-mail, Web site, and purpose of group, and send it to:

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