



## October is Upon Us!

### A NOTE FROM LISA

October brings fresh air and all of our seasonal favorites – apples and pumpkins, cooler temperatures, and beautiful scenes across West Michigan as colors change and the daylight shrinks. This October, take time to enjoy all Grand Rapids has to offer. From local Trunk or Treat events, to the annual OktoberFest, our City is a perfect fall “treat” for all.

Want to get involved? Keep your eye out for more information regarding upcoming public hearings for housing projects, including RiverNorth. The first hearing will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday, Oct. Your input is more valuable than ever! Can't make it? [Schedule a one-on-one meeting with me](#) or send me an email to [lknight@grcity.us](mailto:lknight@grcity.us). I look forward to hearing from you as I continue to serve you and all of our neighbors in the Second Ward.



#### **National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation 2023 -**

National Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated from September 15 - October 15, 2023. The theme for this year's national celebration, "Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America," acknowledges the progress and contributions made by Hispanics and Latinos in propelling the country's prosperity forward and shaping its future; and we acknowledge the countless ways in which the Hispanic and Latino communities have enriched the fabric of our society through their achievements and contributions. We respectfully request that the Mayor read the attached proclamation at the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 5, 2023 and proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2023 as National Hispanic Heritage Month as this celebration presents an exciting moment for our city to recognize and appreciate their diverse contributions, mobilizing us to engage genuinely with the Hispanic and Latino community as valuable members of the community.

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Wednesday,  
October

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GRPS University  
1400 Fuller Avenue NE  
Grand Rapids MI 49505

**Wednesday, October 4**  
GRPS University  
6:30 - 8:00 pm



# "In The Know"



Sign up [HERE](#) to receive either (or both!) of the GR Connected or Commission Connected e-newsletters available!

## This month, the Commission:

- Approved the Butterworth Landfill solar installation - moving us towards our environmental sustainability goals as a City.
- Declared "Welcoming Week" in Grand Rapids, spanning from September 7-18.
- Passed resolutions recognizing both the Grand Rapids Pride Center and The Fountain Hill Center as Local Civic Organizations.
- Learned about Friends of GR Parks, in partnership with C4, receiving \$5 million in funding to help towards our goal for the Tree Canopy in Grand Rapids.

## UPCOMING CITY OF GR EVENTS

- [Halloween Bash](#) (Oct 1)
- [Trick or Treat Trail](#) (Oct 7)
- [Pumpkin Party](#) (Oct 21)
- [CNA Annual Meeting](#) (Oct 26)
- [Westside Trunk or Treat](#) (Oct 26)
- [Halloween Bar Crawl](#) (Oct 28)
- [MLK Park "Trunk or Treat"](#) (Oct 31)
- [Experience GR - October Events](#)
- [Grand Rapids Public Library - October Events](#)
- [Grand Rapids Public Museum - October Events](#)

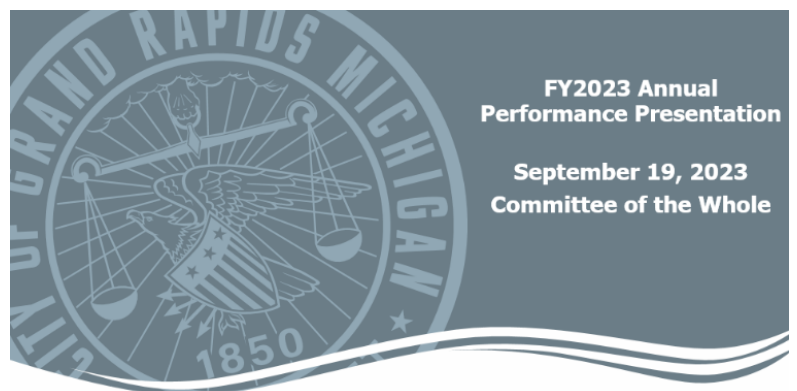
[Save the Date for the Veteran's Day Parade \(Nov 11\).](#)



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# What has Lisa been up to?



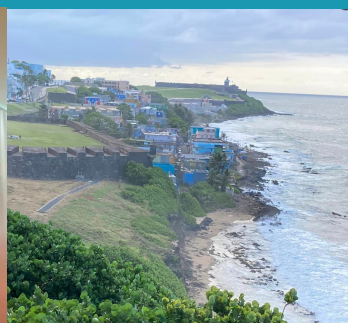
Lisa attends the State of Play Gala for the GR Children's Museum.

Lisa celebrates Girls Choral Academy's first pilot SE Neighborhood Choir.



Lisa attends a beautiful work event and takes in the scenery!

Lisa sits on the board for, and attends, the GRAAF.



Lisa was a featured speaker at the State of Black Health National Conference in early September. She discussed "The Root of Community Violence: Trauma, Oppression, and a Major Public Health Issue." Here are a few pictures of her trip to Puerto Rico for the conference!

Look up your [State Rep](#) or [State Senator](#)

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