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We support the rights of immigrants and their families, giving priority to those who live or work on the Olympic Peninsula and immigrant detainees within Washington State, through access to legal services, standing witness, family support, community education and advocacy.

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JCIRA
Jefferson County
Immigrant Rights Advocates

GRAND OPENING

JCIRA MULTICULTURAL CENTER & CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

Supporting immigrants, building community

Join us and bring your family!
Enjoy the music, activities, refreshments
and **get to know us.**

OPEN HOUSE

Friday, June 9, 2023
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 11, 2023
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

📍 LOCATION

2328 Washington Street
Port Townsend

INFO:

360-232-6070
www.jcira.org

Grand Opening Activities

JCIRA volunteers have been very busy these last few months preparing the Multicultural Center for Grand Opening Ceremonies. Here is just a smattering of what you can expect if you join us this weekend:

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- Port Townsend Mayor Faber will speak and read the newly adopted Proclamation for Immigrant Heritage Month.
- JCIRA's President Larry Jensen will speak about our mission and activities.
- Outreach Coordinator Natalia Duran will speak on her experiences and share some stories from her work.
- Music and art and more.

Celebration: Sunday June 11

- Taos, beans and rice supplied by our next-door neighbor Hacienda Tizapan!
- Music from David Bonobo (salsa) and more young local musicians.
- Speakers including local officials.
- Local immigrant families sharing their stories and more.

Immigrant Heritage Month

Join us on Friday June 9 at the JCIRA Open House to hear Mayor David Faber announce Port Townsend's celebration of Immigrant Heritage Month.

Proclamation

Whereas, the history of Port Townsend, just like the history of America, is inextricably interwoven with the lives, hopes, work, ideas, and dreams of all its people, immigrant and indigenous alike; and

Whereas, immigrants have come here over the years as a refuge from persecution and a place of promise and opportunity, in fisheries, farming, landscaping, trade, business, the arts, tourism, and other areas that support our

Whereas, Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates (JCIRA) is a local grassroots organization dedicated to supporting the rights of immigrants and their families through access to legal services, standing witness, family support, community education, and advocacy; and

Whereas, JCIRA has created this Multicultural Center to be a hub of activities, including cultural events and celebrations, language classes, assistance in navigating social services, providing financial support to those within our

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whereas, the American Dream of freedom, equality, and opportunity of better lives for themselves & their children drives the spirit of immigration, and the presence of immigrants strengthens the American Dream for everyone; and

Whereas, fear and hatred of immigrants threatens the tapestry of the American Dream; and

Whereas, individuals & communities interacting, learning, and understanding from one-another is a powerful force in reversing ignorance and prejudice; and

Now, therefore, I, David J. Faber, Mayor of the City of Port Townsend, do hereby proclaim June 2023, Immigrant Heritage Month in the City of Port Townsend and call upon our residents to celebrate the opening of the JCIRA Multicultural Center as a place of inclusion, advocacy, celebration, and support not just to our immigrant neighbors, but for ourselves as well.

Immigrant Heritage Month: More Information



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Immigrant Heritage Month is an initiative put forward by the [I Am An Immigrant](#) Foundation that seeks to celebrate our shared heritage as an immigrant nation and the important contributions to our economy, culture, and common identity by immigrants from all around the world.

The celebration began in 2014 and seeks to give immigrants and refugees in our country the opportunity to explore and celebrate their background as well as to create awareness on how diversity and immigration are both essential elements of our social fabric.

Many other activities are happening throughout June in [celebration of Immigrant Heritage Month](#) (from the I Stand With Immigrants Initiative). Also see the [Proclamation](#) for the National Immigrant Heritage Month this year.

Volunteer Needed for Website Backup

(No HTML Required)

JCIRA needs a volunteer to help with our website. If you have an interest, or know someone who does, please reply to the email address below. JCIRA uses Weebly, a web platform designed for non-technical users. If you've used Weebly, Wix, WordPress, or another program to create a blog or website, you will probably quickly come up-to-speed. But even if you haven't and you simply want to learn, we can use your help. Of course, if you know HTML and have worked on professional websites—particularly if you have experience in web design—that would be fantastic, but those skills are not required. It's a way you can contribute even if you're busy, because you can mostly work on your own time.

Contact Rachel Imper at rimper3@gmail.com to learn more.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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JC Mash (free clinic)
136 Water Street, Suite 109
PT, WA 98368 360-385-4268

JFC Express Clinic
834 Sheridan St., Suite B
PT, WA 98368 360-385-2204

North Olympic Healthcare Network
Two locations in Port Angeles
360-452-7891 www.nohn-pa.org

Jefferson Dental Clinic
915 Sheridan
PT, WA 98368 360-344-1005

Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization
1110 Jefferson St., PT, WA 98368
360-379-3246 www.echhojc.org

WIC Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and
Children under 5
Jefferson County Public Health
615 Sheridan St., PT, WA 98368
360-385-9432

All Food Banks:
Jeffersoncountyfoodbanks.org

Quilcene Food Bank
294952 US 101
Quilcene, WA 98376

Tri-Area Food Bank
760 Chimacum Road
Chimacum, WA
98325
360-385-9462

Port Townsend Food
Bank
1925 Blaine Street
PT, WA 98368

Other Services

Dove House Advocacy Services
Advocacy, basic needs, housing assistance, and
other resources for recent and past victims of
domestic violence, sexual assault and general
crime.
www.dovehousejc.org

1045 10th Street, PT WA 98368
Office and 24/7 Crisis Line: 360-385-5291

St. Vincent de Paul
Help with needs like food, gas, prescriptions,
mobile phones/minutes, propane, utilities,
medical/dental expenses, repairs, clothing and

Housing

Bayside Housing and
Services
www.baysidehousing.org
310 Hadlock Bay
Road
Port Hadlock, WA
98339
360-385-4637

Jefferson County
Emergency Shelter
Located in the

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360-379-1325

Olympic Community Action (OlyCAP)

Provides assistance for all basic needs (rent, utilities, energy, prescriptions, gas, public transportation, etc.) for low-income households.

www.olycap.org

823 Commerce Loop Quilcene, WA 98376

360-385-2571

209 Monroe St, Port
Townsend, WA 98368
Regular hours 4:00
PM-8:00 AM 7 days a
week.

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