

Fourth annual Diversity Festival set for Oct. 8

Annual event to feature 17 ethnic/cultural clubs

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Rossmoor's fourth annual Diversity Festival will be held Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Event Center. Everything that made the prior three festivals so enjoyable and well attended (over 1,000 people in 2022 and 2023) will again be present with some new elements.

It offers an opportunity to explore and celebrate the many cultures represented in Rossmoor. These contribute to the richness of living where we do.

A total of 17 ethnic and cultural clubs are participating this year, including 14 that will have table exhibits: African-Americans and Friends, Caledonian Society of Rossmoor, Chinese American Association of Rossmoor (CAAR), Chinese Performing Arts Club (CPAC), Entre Amigos, Hadassah, Hawaii State Club, India Club, Irish American Culture Club, Italian American Club, Japanese-American Club, JEICOR (Jewish Education & Information Council of Rossmoor), Lesbian Social Club and LGBT Alliance.

The Showcase of Cultural Performance will again include entertainment (music, dancing, art, etc.) but has been

expanded to include other ways clubs want to celebrate their culture and communicate about it. Nine clubs will be part of this year's showcase between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.: African-Americans and Friends, CAAR, CPAC, Filipino-American Association, Hawaii Club, India Club, Irish American Culture Club and LGBT Alliance.

The tentative time for each performance is listed on the Diversity Festival flyers, which can be picked up at several locations in Rossmoor.

The Cultural Fashion Parade at 2 p.m. will have participants from seven clubs: African-Americans and Friends, CAAR, CPAC, Hawaii State Club, Filipino-American Association, India Club and Voices for Justice in Palestine.

This event was new last year and was a highlight for the day. As something new this year, there will be a Diversity Festival photo booth. Everyone attending is invited to wear traditional dress from their culture (although nothing

political) and take pictures at the booth.

During the Showcase lunch break from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., music will continue in the Event Center, and residents can visit more of the exhibits.

For lunch or snacks from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be two or three food trucks in the corner of the parking lot near the picnic area next to Stanley Dollar Clubhouse. The new location for the food trucks may open a few more parking spaces, but carpooling is still encouraged, because this year there will no bus to shuttle people from the Gateway parking lot to the Event Center.

"Diversity Makes Us Stronger" T-shirts will be available for purchase at the Festival and/or on a Friday prior to it.

The Diversity Festival is a joint effort of the Diversity Consciousness Committee of the Rossmoor Interfaith Council, Rossmoor Advocates for Diversity (RAD), and the GRF Recreation Department.

<h2>GRF BOARD AGENDA</h2>
<p>The following are the agenda items for the GRF Board regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 9 a.m. in Peacock Hall and on Zoom. The complete agenda package will be available on Simbli at simbli.eboardsolutions.com/ca/goldenrain on Friday, Sept. 20, or follow the link, which can be found in Quick Links on www.rossmoor.com</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the proposed GRF Operations Budget for 2025. 2. Approve the proposed MOD Operations Budget for 2025.

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