



### **Celebrate Martin Luther King Day with "Crossing the Cultural Divide"**

The City of Westerville has evolved into a very diverse community welcoming families from many different countries. Annually on Martin Luther King Day we celebrate our diversity at the Community Center by highlighting foods, crafts, music and dance from a variety of countries. This event is co-sponsored with the Otterbein University Center of Community Engagement.

### **Preschool Open House**

In January preschool parents are invited to do one stop shopping by visiting many of Central Ohio's preschools all under one roof. Preschool staff from each program will be available to share information about their schools.

### **Accessible Expressions Ohio "A Day of Arts for All"**

"Accessible Expressions Ohio" is a statewide, juried visual arts exhibition and tour adding to the richness of cultural diversity throughout Ohio. Each year during early March "Accessible Expressions Ohio" kicks off its year-long tour at the Westerville Community Center with an artist reception and presentation of awards. "Accessible Expressions Ohio" is just one of the programs coordinated through the efforts of VSA Arts Ohio, a statewide arts service organization dedicated to empowering people with disabilities, creatively and inclusively through the arts.

### **Field of Heroes**

On Memorial Day weekend, the Westerville Sunrise Rotary club hosts the Field of Heroes across from the Westerville Community Center on Cleveland Avenue in Westerville, Ohio. The Field of Heroes displays 3,000 American flags creating an environment where visitors can walk among the flags, read dedications and reflect upon their personal heroes.

### **Flag Retirement Ceremony at First Responders Park**

Each year American Flags are retired with the respect and dignity that they deserve on the anniversary of the official adoption of the American Flag by the Continental Congress in 1777. The ceremony is conducted by Westerville VFW Post 7993 and Westerville American Legion Post 171. Ripped and faded flags may be dropped off at the Westerville Community Center.

### **Veterans Day Celebration**

Annually the City of Westerville hosts a free breakfast to honor community veterans. The patriotic program offers veterans an opportunity to partake in fellowship and reminisce together. Veterans are encouraged to share memorabilia collected during their military careers.

### **Honor Flight**

Honor Flight recognizes and celebrates World War II and Korean War Veterans by flying them to Washington D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to their important service at no cost to them. Throughout the year a variety of fundraisers and activities are held which support the efforts of Honor Flight.

### **Ladies Swim Night**

Periodically throughout the year ladies swim nights are offered. Ladies swim nights provide the perfect opportunity for women to take advantage of the indoor pool in a climate that may not be afforded during public open swims due to religious beliefs or modesty concerns. The ladies swims are also a fun way to meet like-minded women and wonderful opportunities for Girl Scout Troop outings.

Please visit the City of Westerville website to find the latest cooperative community events and program details.