



Dayton celebrates "Welcoming Week" with special events

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The City of Dayton and its Welcome Dayton Initiative will celebrate Welcoming Week (September 15-25) by hosting and participating in events recognizing and supporting immigrant contributions to Dayton and the region.

These events are scheduled for Welcoming Week:

- Dayton World Soccer Games, Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Action Sports Center (1103 Gateway Dr.)
- Citizenship Clinic, Tuesday, September 19, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dayton Metro Library (215 E. Third St.)
- Hispanic Heritage Month Movie Night, Thursday, September 21, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., University of Dayton Roesch Library
- Voices of the Immigrant Experience, Saturday, September 23, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Dayton Metro Library (215 E. Third St.)

"Dayton is proud to participate in Welcoming Week, which is demonstrating that people of all backgrounds are coming together to create stronger communities," said City Commissioner Matt Joseph. "The week and Dayton's activities provide us an opportunity to celebrate the values that unite us as neighbors, parents, and colleagues, and to make our city more welcoming to newcomers and to everyone who calls Dayton home."

"These celebrations are part of a powerful and growing movement in our country and around the world," said David Lubell, founder and executive director of Welcoming America. "Communities recognize that they are more vibrant and prosperous when everyone feels welcomed and can fully participate. In events across the world this week, new and longtime residents are building bridges and make their communities stronger."

About Welcoming Week

Welcoming Week is an annual celebration bringing together thousands of people and

hundreds of local events that celebrate the contributions of immigrants and refugees and the role communities play to foster greater welcome. Welcoming Week is September 15-25 across the country and now expanding to other parts of the world.

For more information about, visit www.welcomedayton.org/calendar.

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