

JEFFERSON PARISH DIVERSITY & INCLUSION BOARD

JULY 2021 CALENDAR BULLETS



French American Heritage Month

French Americans or Franco-Americans are citizens or nationals of the United States who identify themselves with having full or partial French or French Canadian heritage, ethnicity and/or ancestral ties. On the French-Canadians see French Canadian Americans. Country-wide, there are about 10.4 million U.S. residents who declare French ancestry. While Americans of French descent make up a substantial percentage of the American population, Franco-Americans are less visible than other similarly sized ethnic groups.

1st National Postal Worker Day - July 1st recognizes postal workers all across the nation and encourages us to show our appreciation. Thank the numerous men and women who work consistently and diligently to deliver all of our mail. These employees suffer some of the harshest working conditions, yet continue to persevere six days a week. Across the United States, postal workers walk an average of 4 to 8 miles carrying a full load of letters and packages, delivering them promptly to each of our doorsteps.

4th Independence Day - Independence Day celebrates the birthday of the United States of America. Founded July 4th 1776, with the signing of the Declaration of Independence. America is celebrating its 245nd birthday this year.



ALL OF US



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- 9th Martyrdom of the Báb – The observance of the anniversary of the execution in Tabriz, Persia, in 1850 of 30yr. old Siyyid ‘Ali-Muhammad, the prophet-herald of the Baha’i’ faith.
- 11th World Population Day - An observance established in 1989 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Program. The annual event is designed to raise awareness of global population issues.
- 14th Bastille Day - A French federal holiday that commemorates the Storming of the Bastille, a fortress-prison in Paris that held political prisoners who had displeased the French nobility. The Storming of the Bastille, which took place on July 14, 1789, was regarded as a turning point of the French Revolution. Celebrations are held throughout France.
- 15th National Pet Fire & Safety Day - National Pet Fire Safety Day is observed annually on July 15th. Just like fire drills, pets need consideration when preparing for unexpected fire emergencies. Taking preventable measures now can both save your home and your pet. Many times our pets can cause a fire if we don’t take the proper steps.
- 17-18th Tisha B'Av - In the Jewish faith this is a 25 hour fast in commemoration of the destruction of two very holy and sacred temples of Judaism destroyed by the Babylonians and Romans.
- 19-20th Eid al-Adha (sundown to sundown) - An Islamic festival to commemorate the willingness of Ibrahim (also known as Abraham) to follow Allah's (God's) command to sacrifice his son, Ishmael. Muslims around the world observe this event.
- 23-24th TuB’Av - Tu B'Av is a minor Jewish holiday. In modern-day Israel, it is celebrated as a holiday of love. It has been said to be an auspicious day for weddings.
- 24th Dharma/Asalha Puja – This day commemorates the historical Buddha’s discourse following his spiritual awakening. A Theravada Buddhist festival which typically takes place in July, on the full moon of the month of Āsādhā. Asalha Puja, also known as Dhamma Day, is one of Theravada Buddhism's most important festivals, celebrating as it does the Buddha's first sermon in which he set out to his five former associates the doctrine that had come to him following his enlightenment.



Peace Love & Harmony



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- 25th **National Hire a Veteran Day** - Hire Our Heroes founded Hire a Veteran Day to provide a day to spread awareness and create a platform where employers and veterans can network. Hire Our Heroes (HOH) is a non-profit organization operated and founded by veterans for veterans.
- 26th **Americans with Disabilities Day** - The Americans with Disabilities Act provides protection from employment discrimination as well as better access to goods, services and communications for people with disabilities. National Disability Independence Day is celebrated each year on July 26.
- 30th **International Friendship Day** - The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.



The Jefferson Parish Diversity and Inclusion Board's mission is to foster an environment where there is a deliberate focus on acceptance, education, and inclusion of all within Jefferson Parish.