

NIOT Weekly Digest – September 4, 2015

\*\* NEXT NIOT MEETING IS ON 9/17/15 from 3-5 pm at Bowling Green City Council Chambers \*\*

PLEASE FIND THE ATTACHED LIST OF TIMES AND DATES FOR ALL THE UPCOMING NIOT MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR

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### **UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES**

Over the next few weeks, NIOT BG will be engaged in a number of activities. We will need volunteers for the following event:

#### NIOT BG at the Farmer's Market- September 23, 2015.

Volunteers are needed for:

Set-Up - 2-4

Mid-Day - 5-7

Take-Down - 6:30-8

We will need at least 10 volunteers to help cover the table and to help with the above. If interested, please contact Vicky Kulicke at <u>vickyk@bgsu.edu</u>

Please let us know as soon as possible if you have upcoming events that you would like NIOT to share.

The formal calendar of meetings for the 2015-2016 year has been finalized, please see the attached document. As before, the meetings will alternate monthly between the BGSU campus and the City Council Chambers.

#### **NIOT BG T-Shirts**

The NIOT BG T-Shirts are now available at the BGSU Bookstore for \$9.99 + tax. The Bookstore is working on an online order process (once the link is available, it will be shared) and also having the shirts sold in different community locations as well. More details to come on these community locations

## NIOT BG ON FACEBOOK

NIOT BG is on Facebook. Follow us (by liking the page) at Not In Our Town Bowling Green for photos, latest news, and updates. Here is the direct link: <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/Not-In-Our-Town-Bowling-Green/411179839042009</u> LOTS OF NEW PICTURES! COME LIKE THE PAGE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT NOT IN OUT TOWN BG

## **GIVING TO NIOT BG**

NIOT BG can now accept tax-deductible donations and contributions. We have been able to open a formal account through the BGSU Foundation. This will allow individuals and others to donate and contribute funds specifically for NIOT BG initiatives. We also understand that some members of the community may feel uncomfortable in donating funds to a BGSU account. We are working on finalizing an account with the BG Community Foundation and hope to have those details available this summer. Information about Giving to NIOT BG is now available on the website: <u>www.bgsu.edu/notinourtown</u>. Please consider making a gift today.

## **VIDEO LIBRARY**

BGSU and BG now have a video library of NIOT films. A full listing can be found here: <u>http://www.bgsu.edu/not-in-our-town/video-library.html</u> These DVDs are available for check out and can be reserved by emailing <u>vkulicke@bgsu.edu</u>

# **UPCOMING DIVERSITY EVENTS**

An added feature to the NIOT Weekly Digest is a listing of diversity-related events in the BGSU & BG community for the upcoming week. If you have events that you would like listed, please contact Gary or Leslie (emails listed below).

• **September 5** The <u>Bowling Green Ohio Pride Picnic</u> is a celebration of diversity in our community. Everyone is invited so please bring your family and friends and a dish to share.

The Kiwanis Shelter & Martin Shelter Bowling Green City Park From 11am-3pm

Due to being in a public park we ask PLEASE no alcohol!

The Picnic is partnering with The <u>Brown Bag Food Project Wood County Ohio</u> and they are asking people to bring nonperishable items or toiletries to donate to help feed families in Wood County.

• September 8 Diversity in America Reading Group in the public library. The Diversity in America Group selects books that focus on diversity in race, ethnicity, religion, the LBGT community and gender. We read one book a month, and members select the books we read. We meet at 630 pm on the second Tuesday of the month, and use the summer month for field trips to locations that illustrate diversity. We also allocate some time each month to discuss current events involving diversity. For this month, we will be meeting at the Carter House, just west of the main library. If you cannot make the first meeting, please feel free to attend the next meeting on October 10.

Last year, The books The Warmth of Other Suns (African Americans), The Round House (Native America), and The PoisonWood Bible (Religion) were among our selections. If people are interested, all they need to do is show up. Our book for next Tuesday is Brave Girls by Stacy Radin. Copies are available on the second floor of the library. If people have questions, they may Jim Litwin at <u>ilitwin@wcnet.org</u>.

- **September 9** Safe Zone Training in the LGBT Resource Center 5:00 to 7:00 pm : A cultural competency program geared toward increasing allies for LGBTQ+ students. For additional dates please visit <u>www.bgsu/edu/lgbt</u>.
- September 21 The First Presbyterian Church located at 126 S. Church St., will host author, Bill Konigsberg at 7pm as part of the Trevor Project Awareness Tour (flyer attached).
- **October 2** The First Presbyterian Church will be providing the food at the LGBTQ faculty/staff social at the Carter House.

#### Note: BTSU = The Bowen Thompson Student Union

If you have items that you wish to be included for future editions of the NIOT Digest, please submit to <u>niotbowlinggreen@gmaill.com</u>. You may also contact Rev. Gary Saunders (<u>pastorgaary@bgpresb.org</u>) or Leslie Galan (<u>lgalan@bgsu.edu</u>).