



Let's "Fall" into September!

A NOTE FROM LISA

Friends, supporters & neighbors - how is it that September and her sun-shining, autumnal-approaching glory is already upon us? This time of year, I always take time to enjoy the smaller things, like a nice fire, a cool breeze, and all the incredible events our City has to offer!

As you consider family-friendly fall activities and get back into the swing of school in session, I ask you - what brings you joy during this changing season?

Maybe you've been looking forward to enjoying a nice visit to [ArtPrize](#), which hosts some of the most diverse local and international artists right here in our community. Did you know that it was reported in 2022 that this event brings more than a \$30 million boost to Grand Rapids businesses? Maybe you're just as excited as I am for the Grand Rapids [African American Art & Music Festival](#) that runs September 15-16. We will be celebrating 50 years of Hip Hop with some legendary performers, including headliner act, Sugar Hill Gang. You don't want to miss it!

Or maybe you've been wanting to get more connected and informed about the decisions being made by your local representatives, like me. Well, you've come to the right place! It brings ME joy this month to bring YOU information about what is going on in our backyard this September, from events, to resources, to a summary of our recent Commission meetings. If you want to see something in future newsletters, or you simply want to chat, contact me or sign up for one of my "Connect with Lisa" sessions, hosted bi-weekly in my City office. I look forward to hearing from you.

Connect with Lisa

9AM-12PM
1ST & 3RD TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH

Call my office at 616-456-3864
to schedule a time to meet
with me about a concern, or to
simply just chat!

Did you know most Commissioners have other jobs they are doing while juggling family, volunteering, AND Commission duties? You may not know I am also the Executive Director of Girls Choral Academy right here in Grand Rapids. Click below to learn more about my work and this amazing organization!

GET VOCAL!

GIRLS CHORAL ACADEMY



State of Black Health National Conference: ¡Salud! Health Equity in Focus

Friday Sep 8, 2023 / 10:30AM - 11:30AM



"The Root of Community Violence: Trauma, Oppression, and a Major Public Health Issue"

Lisa Knight + 1 other speaker

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This month, the Commission:

- Approved funding for a third year of the Cure Violence program
- Approved a tax exemption for a 45-unit housing development project
- Approved land purchase for expanded GRFD station on Kalamazoo Avenue
- Approved a \$25,000 grant to the Family Outreach Center (FOC)
- Learned about the current population of deer and potential issues to safety
- Learned about CLEAR and GRPD Volunteer Program
- Learned about proposed amendments to current animal control ordinances.



UPCOMING CITY OF GR EVENTS

- [Girls Choral Academy Fall Jump Start](#) (Sept 7)
- [Fiesta Mexicana](#) (Sept 8-10)
- [GVAIL 62nd Annual Pow Wow](#) (Sept 9-10)
- [Art of Food Festival](#) (Sept 15)
- [50th Eastown Street Fair](#) (Sept 16)
- [Confluence Festival](#) (Sept 22-23)
- [Oktoberfest](#) (Sept 29-30)
- September is the final month of ["Tour de Food Trucks"](#)
- [Experience GR - September Events](#)
- [Grand Rapids Public Library - September Events](#)
- [Grand Rapids Public Museum - September Events](#)

Save the date: October 31 - MLK Park "Trunk or Treat"



What has Lisa been up to?



Lisa supports local small business, Brooklyn Bodega.



Lisa joins the celebration of GRCF icon, Diana Sieger.

Lisa visits the D.A. Blodgett - St. John's open house.



Lisa attends the final Family Fun Day at MLK Park for this summer.



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