

**City of Newburyport
Commission for Diversity and Tolerance**

Mission:

It is the policy of the City of Newburyport to promote and support a sense of welcome, inclusion and worth for all and the elimination of prejudice, intolerance, discrimination, and acts of hate in our community.



Commission Members

Art Currier

Jan DeSantis, Chair

Donna Devlin

Connor Gravelle

Donna Scott

Kathleen Shaw

Ross Varney

Kimm Wilkinson

Deidre Farrell, School Liaison

Lois Honneger, Mayor's Office Liaison

Lt. Rick Siemasko, Police Liaison

Contact us

To report a hate incidence:

****NBPT Police*** 978-462-4411 Ext. 1

Or 911

Info on the Commission:

****Jan DeSantis***, 978-270-8266

School involvement/ info:

****Deirdre Farrell***, 978-465-4456

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***Committed to creating a
caring community that
welcomes and respects
differences***

Who We Are

We are a city-appointed commission, which works to promote and support a sense of welcome and inclusion for all residents within greater Newburyport.

We are students, school administrators, police, religious leaders, social service professionals and representatives from various businesses and organizations.

We collaborate with other groups and organizations to promote our mission.



Our History

In 2005, the City of Newburyport established a municipal board to be known as the Commission for Diversity and Tolerance. The Commission cannot exceed nine members, who serve for a three-year term. Members are appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Each Commission member must live in Newburyport. Members are selected to represent various fields including, but not limited to education, religion, law enforcement, social services, industry, commerce and labor.

What We Do



- Cooperate with racial, religious, ethnic, civic, fraternal, benevolent, and private and public agencies in eliminating discrimination and intolerance;
- Provide resources and referral information to any person or group seeking support or information about discriminatory acts;
- Issue publications and pronouncements and confer prizes and awards to promote goodwill and to minimize or eliminate discrimination and intolerance;
- Award mini-grants to support area organizations in their projects to support tolerance;
- Support municipal departments and agencies in their response to discriminatory or intolerant acts;
- Organize the annual Peace Month (May), a series of lectures, presentations, exhibits and awards to heighten awareness of Newburyport as a diverse and tolerant community.

How You Can Help



- Tell us about any anti-bias or peace programs in your organization
- Apply to our mini-grant RFP
- Make a donation to help support our city-wide programs
- Sponsor a program
- Attend our open-forum meetings
- Suggest an activity for Peace Month
- Nominate someone for the Annual Peace Awards
- Attend the Peace Month events
- Read our e-newsletters

Suggestions? Contact us:

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