

Tuesday, October 2
any time of day



About Community Conversation

Community Conversation Ravenna is a one-of-a-kind initiative where hundreds of diverse residents, from all walks of life and socio-economic backgrounds, gather to share food or drinks and discuss meaningful and actionable ideas to strengthen our community. It's an opportunity to shape our area into a strong, vibrant, safe and dynamic place to live and work.

Where?

Conversations are held in person at locations such as your library, church, neighborhood restaurant, office break room or around your own kitchen table. Hold your conversation wherever you can gather, talk and brainstorm with a group of 8–12 people.

Who?

Anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in the City or Township of Ravenna is invited to host or participate in a mealtime conversation with their family, friends, neighbors and colleagues.

Why?

We know that big ideas can spring from small conversations and that people invest in what they help create. When we come together—face-to-face—to find common ground on community issues and challenges that matter to people, powerful things can happen.

Conversations this year will focus on the top five issues identified as concerning for our community: **Economic Issues & Poverty, Equity & Social Inclusion, Drugs & Addiction, Education & Youth Development, and Immigration.**

What's next?

We will convene passionate community members who will share actionable ideas for making a difference. A summary report will be provided to the community and local stakeholders to determine what can be done to proactively address the issues discussed.

Training will be provided at Reed Memorial Library for those who volunteer to be a Community Conversation Host. Trainings will be held **Monday, September 17th at 10 am or 6:30 pm and Tuesday, September 25th at 10 am or 7 pm.**

Additionally, a **FREE performance of Sweat: The Play** by Lynn Nottage will be performed at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 3 at the I.C. Social Hall, 251 W Spruce Ave. It will be performed by The Public Theater of New York City. The play centers on factory workers in Reading, PA and deals with the themes being discussed during the Community Conversation. **The play has strong language and is intended for those 16+**

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