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Nationally-Recognized Storyteller Susan O'Halloran featured at Open Communities "Know Your Neighbors" Free Storytelling Event on April 30

10th annual event celebrating Fair Housing Month brings north suburban communities together to encourage residents to work for more diverse and inclusive communities

Winnetka, IL – Renowned storyteller Susan O'Halloran will delight attendees at Open Communities' "Know Your Neighbors" celebration, the organization's 10th annual event marking Fair Housing Month. O'Halloran, a story artist who has been performing since the 1970s, will offer a multicultural, multimedia performance during an evening that is free and open to all. O'Halloran has been covered by media outlets such as PBS, ABC Nightline, *The New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*. *The Chicago Reader's* Critic Choice said, "O'Halloran has mastered the Irish art of telling stories that are funny and heart-wrenching at the same time."

Always well-attended and accessible for all ages, Open Communities' free event celebrating National Fair Housing month uses storytelling to highlight the benefits of living in a diverse community. This year's family-friendly celebration will be held Wednesday, April 30, from 6:30 – 8:30 at the Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Avenue in the village.

O'Halloran, who lives in Evanston, is an author and producer of numerous multicultural performances and hosts the Facebook online storytelling festival, StoriesConnectUsAll. For more information about her, visit her [website](#) and [Facebook](#).

Fair Housing Month marks adoption of the federal [Fair Housing Act](#), legislation that prevents discrimination in housing based on race, color, sex, national origin, or religion. It was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on April 11, 1968.

To RSVP for the event, or for more information, visit www.open-communities.org.

About Open Communities

Open Communities', formerly Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs, is a nonprofit organization that advocates for fair and affordable housing in 16 northern suburbs of Chicago. Our mission is to educate, advocate

and organize to promote just and inclusive communities in north suburban Chicago. We are a leading voice for housing, economic and social justice in north suburban Chicago, working to promote inclusive communities that are welcoming to all.

We work with current and prospective residents and local groups to promote economically and culturally diverse communities in north suburban Chicago. We provide fair and affordable housing counseling services, community education, advocacy, and organizing for welcoming communities.