On MLK Day, we're asking Melrose...

What is Diversity?

Diversity means coming from different places, backgrounds and families.

Diversity means having your own story.

Diversity is what makes you who you are. It is what makes you an important part of the community

In celebration of MLK Jr. Day, the **Human Rights Commission** and **Follow Your Art** are creating a community art project. It is a creative map of Melrose that illustrates the diversity of individuals who make up our community. It will be permanently displayed in City Hall, **and we want you to be a part of it!**

What can you do? It is easy to participate. Think of the following questions:

- **What is your story?** Where do you come from? What is your family history? How did you end up in Melrose? Has your family been here for generations? Did you move here last week? From where?
- **What is your role in the community?** Do you teach? Build? Learn? Connect? Create? Clean? Listen?
- **What makes you unique?** What is a quality in you that you are proud of?
- **What symbolizes who you are?** Is it your faith? Your personal motto? Your actions? Do you have a quote you try to live by?
- **How do you show tolerance of the diversity you see in others?** What can you do to celebrate the differences between us?

Can you answer any of these questions with a photo, a small drawing, a quote? It can be a magazine picture, a family photograph, a passage from a book, or a drawn symbol. All entries celebrating diversity will be incorporated. Not sure what to do? It can be as simple as a picture of you. Please keep entries under 5x5". As part of a community art project, your entry may be altered/added to as it is incorporated into the artwork.

Have an entry? Drop it off at Follow Your Art located at 416 Main Street; use the mailbox if we're closed (Attn: HRC What is Diversity). You can also bring your entry to the UU Church (across from the library) on January 18th between 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m., when we start working on the project.

Questions? Email info@follow-your-art.com

Be part of the picture!