



Northstar Cultural Community Centre

NORTHSTAR NEWS

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CELEBRATE & PARTICIPATE!

The February Newsletter announced "2017 was a year of celebrations!" and many of the highlighted events centered around the Black History Month theme.

Community support was evidenced by the number of people who were interested enough to attend these events across the City and Essex County. The audiences were appreciative of the efforts shown by the presenters, the variety of topics and overall opportunities to fellowship with other people.

Extending words of "Thank you" for your support are in order!

Needless to say, this April Edition will continue to nurture this positive attitude by encouraging everyone to note "Oral Histories Project -Request for Participants" found on page 2.

A flyer is being circulated around the City which explains the importance of this project by stating -**The "Gathering our Stories" project explores the experiences and memories of families of African descent in Essex County.**

During this year (and starting soon!) a team will record life story interviews with a number of Essex County residents. Publications, digital records, conferences, educational material and museum exhibitions are expected to result from these stories.

Every family has a story worth telling. Family stories can tell us a lot about life in Essex County.

They can help us to form a complete narrative about the lives and contributions of African Canadians throughout the generations

We want to hear your family story! It is an important piece of Black History. It is an important piece of Canadian History! Family Histories will be used to better understand African Canadian contributions to building our society."

**** Please call one of the people listed on page 2 do not miss this opportunity to share your family story or encourage someone that you know to participate!**

The Mayor's Office has provided a summary of events for the 125th Birthday Celebrations for the City of Windsor on Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th. There are many opportunities listed and even more can be found on the official website noted at the bottom of page 3.

A special participatory event is occurring on Wednesday, May 10th When the MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH EXPRESS travels down number 3 highway to visit Colasanti's Tropical Gardens, page 5

Lastly, read about the WIGLE PARK WALKERS on page 8. This is your chance to make a personal commitment toward a more healthy lifestyle! The only equipment required is a descent pair of walking shoes, hat, sunglasses, sun screen and a willingness to participate!!!

April Edition

**VOLUNTEERS
Needed!**

**WE NEED
YOU!!**

See page 8 for
more
details!



ORAL HISTORY PROJECT– REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS



WHO? - African, Black and Caribbean families with roots in Essex County

WHAT? - Stories about life experiences in Essex County over the years

WHERE? - Locations such as Amherstburg, Anderdon, Colchester, Harrow, Maidstone, New Detroit/Tin Can City, New Canaan, Sandwich, Windsor and others.

WHY? - Develop a complete narrative about the contributions made by people of African descent throughout the generations

WHEN? - **ASAP**, in other words **As Soon As Possible!**

HOW? -Interviews will be recorded, some with a specific topic or theme, with each participant receiving an digital copy of their interview.

If you are interested in setting up a time and date to be interviewed, or to recommend an appropriate member of your family-

PLEASE CONTACT

- ◆ Irene Moore Davis at IMooreDavis@stclaircollege.com (519) 972-2727 ext. 4735
- ◆ Phil Alexander at phil.alexander@amherstburgfreedom.org phone/text (519) 919-5033
- ◆ Nancy Allen at info@northstarcentre.org (519) 252-7143 (leave message if after hours)

Black History Month Stamp 2017

Canada Post issued this 150th Anniversary stamp to commemorate the arrival of Mathieu da Costa, the first black man to set foot in what became Canada. He was an African from West Africa hired as a translator for French explorers such as Samuel De Champlain who travelled to the New World in the 1600's. It is thought that he could speak Dutch, English, French, Portuguese and pidgin Basque used by some aboriginals
Congratulations!



Windsor's 125th Birthday Celebration in 2017

Our birthday party in 2017 commemorates the anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Windsor (April 14, 1892) through a vibrant festival of visual arts; music; performance; dance; historical interpretation and storytelling; literary arts; food; and more, in and around Downtown Windsor. The event includes evening activities on both Friday and Saturday in Downtown Windsor; the Annual Mayor's Walk along the waterfront; the ceremony for the Raising of the Great Canadian Flag at the foot of Ouellette Avenue and Riverside Drive; a First Nations presentation; a reading of the City's Act of Incorporation; a reading from our Poet Laureate, Marty Gervais; entertainment stages; arts and activities zones; games; free admission to the Chimczuk Museum and much more! This event is made possible through generous funding from [Canadian Heritage's](#) Building Communities Through Arts & Heritage grant from the Government of Canada.

Friday, May 19, 2017

- Downtown Windsor Street Festival in the evening
- Extended patios
- University of Windsor's "Night Flight" pole vault event
- Mission Mile Fundraising Run/Walk
- Outdoor big screen broadcasts of the MasterCard Memorial Cup games
- Entertainment at various stages throughout Downtown Windsor

Saturday, May 20, 2017

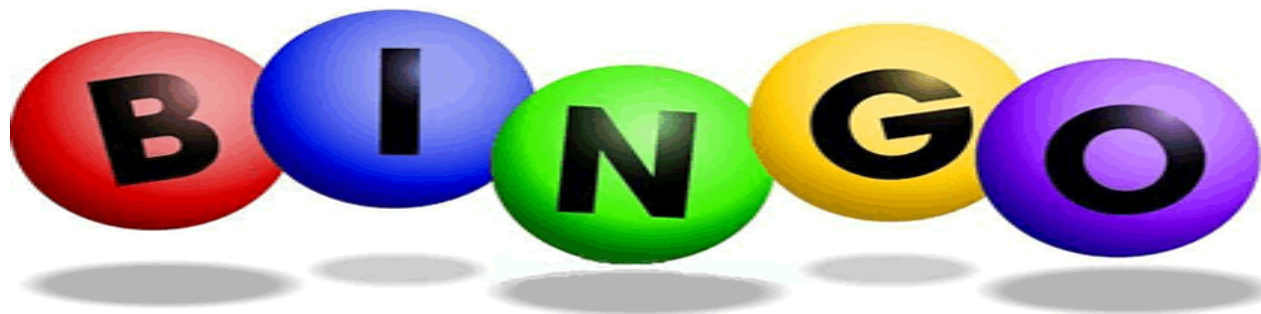
- Annual Mayor's Walk along the waterfront, from Ambassador Park to Dieppe Gardens (10AM start time)
- Raising of the Great Canadian Flag at the foot of Ouellette Avenue at the waterfront (10:45AM start time)
- 125th Birthday Celebration Ceremony at The Vision Corridor; outside the Windsor International Aquatic and Training Centre Presented by WFCU Credit Union (noon start time)
- 125th Birthday Celebration Vision Corridor Festival (Noon to 4PM) - featuring BiggWiggle
- Announcement of the selected artist(s) to create the Windsor125 Public Art Installation in 2017
- Free admission to the Chimczuk Museum (10AM to 5PM)
- Lobby activities/programming at Adventure Bay Family Water Park Presented by WFCU Credit Union (10AM-4PM)
- Bouncy castles
- Monster mural painting
- Activities on Riverside Drive; in front of the Chimczuk Museum and Art Gallery of Windsor (Noon to 4PM)
- Downtown Windsor Street Festival in the late afternoon/early evening
- Extended patios downtown
- Outdoor big screen broadcasts of the MasterCard Memorial Cup games

Additional suggestions

-Front Porch Parties: During the month of May, Windsor residents are invited to hold "Front Porch" birthday parties to celebrate the City's 125th birthday. Take a photo of your party and post it at #mywindsorparty or email to celebrating2017@citywindsor.ca (all photos will be used in a 125 collage at the end of the year)

-125 most memorable moments (to be launched May1st) : Think about moments that made us laugh, cry, cheer, and ultimately defined us a City. Those wishing to take part can share their 'Memorable Moment' in a facebook post using #mywindsormemory or by email celebrating2017@citywindsor.ca (deadline May 30th)





CHARITY NIGHT

**Friday April 28, 2017
8pm until 10pm
Breakaway Gaming Centre
655 Crawford Ave,
(behind Tim Horton)**

Plan to attend and bring a FRIEND!

APPLEBEE'S Flapjack Fundraiser BREAKFAST

To support Northstar Cultural Community Centre

**Saturday, April 29, 2017
8am until 10:am**

**Tickets \$10.00
(60% of proceeds will be donated to Northstar)**

**APPLEBEE'S Neighbourhood Bar & Grill
2187 Huron Church Road**



**Meal includes-Flapjacks, bacon, butter, syrup,
coffee, tea and juice**

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE!!!

ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

GET ON BOARD !!! The MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH EXPRESS!

Wednesday, May 10, 2017



\$20.00 (monies to be paid by May 1st)

*Northstar Office open
Tues., Wed., Thurs., (10:00 to 2:00pm)*



9:00am - Board bus at NCCentre -225A Erie St. E

9:30am -Bus departs for trip

10:30 am-Arrive at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens

11:00-1:00 Buffet lunch (12.99 + tax)

1:00 bus departs for Windsor

2:00 bus arrives at NCCentre

Limited seating so register EARLY!

FEATURED AREAS to visit

Tropical Gardens -selection of cacti, bonsai, orchids, tropical and seasonal plants

Restaurant - Broasted chicken, pizza, cinnamon donuts, apple cider

Candy Shoppe - home made fudge, chocolate treats and jelly beans

Home Décor and collectable Shop - featuring the latest trends in home décor

Petting Zoo- exotic birds, reptiles, domestic and miniature animals



SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



(formerly known as the Canadian Association of Retired Persons)

Larry Duffield will be doing a presentation on CARP and Zoomer Magazine. CARP is a national, non-profit association promoting financial security, better access to health care, and freedom from discrimination as we age.

Please join us at: Northstar Cultural Community Centre
Thursday, May 18, 2017

11:30 – 12:30

225A Erie Street East, Windsor, ON N9A 3X2 – (519) 252-7143

[Plan to attend and bring a Friend!!!](#)

The Artists of Colour



10th Annual Art Exhibition ***EVIDENCE OF THINGS UNSEEN***

MacKenzie Hall & Cultural Centre
3277 Sandwich Street West, Windsor ON

MAY 5, 2017 until MAY 14, 2017

***Free daily admission to the show**

***Donations Welcome**

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION

Friday, May 5, 2017

7pm until 10pm

\$5.00 cover

WWWTHEARTISTS OF COLOUR.COM

Facebook THE ARTISTS OF COLOUR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 28th– CHARITY BINGO

Saturday, April 29th– PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Friday, May 5th– ARTISTS of COLOUR, *Opening Night Reception*

Wednesday, May 10th– MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 14th– MOTHER’S DAY



Thursday, May 18th-CARP PRESENTATION

Friday, May 19th-WINDSOR CELEBRATES 125TH

Saturday, May 20th - WINDSOR CELEBRATES 125TH

Monday, May 22nd-VICTORIA DAY



Tuesday, June 6th - WIGLE PARK WALKERS (orientation)

Tuesday, June 13th- WIGLE PARK WALKERS (orientation)

Sunday, June 18th– FATHER’S DAY



Wednesday, June 21 - FIRST DAY of SUMMER



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Comments or Suggestions?

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WIGLE PARK WALKERS

COME TO WIGLE PARK

Tuesday, June 6th & June 13th
(orientation days)

9:15am warm up, 9:30 to 10:00am walk around the path!

Celebrate Windsor's 125th Birthday Challenge



ON YOUR OWN:

During the months of July and August, come to the park and walk the path (any time of day)

Count the number of times that you make one complete lap around the path! Goal is to complete 125 laps!

Record date and # laps per day until the 125 lap goal is reached!

Submit your name to NCCCentre and receive an achievement award! **GOOD LUCK!**

DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Please remember the gift of community and consider making a donation to the Northstar Cultural Community Centre or volunteering.

Your gift will be used to continue the work of the Centre in providing services and programs to your community.

Donations of \$20 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt for income.



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2017 Membership Registration

Individual: \$25.00/yr Family: \$50.00/yr Seniors: \$20.00/yr Student: \$20.00/yr
(60 yr. & over)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____