

FEBRUARY 2024

WATERBURY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 6 p.m. SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB 6:30 p.m. OPEN MIC NIGHT	2	3 12 p.m. TRAILBLAZERS CEREMONY & LUNCHEON
4	5	6 7 p.m. 2ND ACT: BOBBY RAMOS	7 10 a.m. STORYTIME 12 p.m. LUNCH & LEARN	8	9 7 p.m. BLACK BROADWAY	10 11 a.m. STORYTIME 12 p.m. HALL OF FAME 1:30 p.m. BLACK HISTORY 3:30 p.m. BERKELEY KNIGHTS 7 p.m. BLACK BROADWAY
11	12	13	14 10 a.m. MAYOR FOR THE DAY 10 a.m. STORYTIME 6:30 p.m. FREDERICK DOUGLASS	15	16	17 11 a.m. WOMEN TRAILBLAZERS LUNCHEON 1 p.m. TEEKAY CONCERT 2 p.m. HISTORY & HOPS
18	19 1 p.m. GALLERY OF HEROES	20	21 10 a.m. STORYTIME	22	23	24 1 p.m. BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
25	26	27	28 10 a.m. STORYTIME 6 p.m. TRIVIA NIGHT	29		



Please join us for a city-wide, month-long celebration of Black History Month.

Groups and Organizations

- Afro Caribbean Cultural Center
- Black Women United Waterbury
- City of Waterbury
- Greater Waterbury NAACP
- Greater Waterbury YMCA
- Kellogg Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M.
- Mattatuck Museum
- Palace Theater
- RACCE
- Silas Bronson Library

Calendar prepared by the Silas Bronson Library
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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

Bring the kids to the library every Wednesday in February for a Black History storytime. For ages 2-5.

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, February 1, 6 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

New members are welcome to join us for a discussion of *Civil Rights Queen: Constance Baker Motley and the Struggle for Equality* by Tomiko Brown-Nagin. Copies of the book are available to borrow.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH OPEN MIC NIGHT

Thursday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Greater Waterbury YMCA, 130 West Main Street

203-754-9622 waterburymca.org

Express yourself with your talents, whether its the art of poetry, song, and even comedy. Get the chance to hear and see the people of our community perform at the Waterbury YMCA's Open Mic Night with the Afro-Caribbean Cultural Center.

TRAILBLAZER LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY AWARD CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 3, 12 p.m.

La Bella Vista, 380 Farmwood Road

(203) 232-4176

Kellogg Lodge No. 5 F. & A.M. presents their annual award ceremony and luncheon honoring community leaders and trailblazers. Tickets: \$65

2ND ACT: BOBBY RAMOS

Tuesday, February 6, 7 p.m.

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street

(203) 346-2000 palacetheaterct.org

Bobby Ramos, a former police officer / SWAT team negotiator for 27 years and ESPN radio host for 21 years, possesses an innate skill as an engaging storyteller. He's a sought-after emcee and guest speaker, truly making the days count in his 2ND ACT. Tickets: \$20

LUNCH & LEARN: NEW HAVEN MUSEUM: THE AMISTAD

Wednesday, February 7, 12 - 1 p.m.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main Street

(203) 753-0381 mattatuckmuseum.org

Hear about the Amistad rebellion and the upcoming exhibition at the New Haven Museum to remember the history and events. Tickets: \$10

BLACK BROADWAY: A CELEBRATION OF BLACK ROLES & VOICES ON BROADWAY

Friday, February 9, 7 p.m.

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street

(203) 346-2000 palacetheaterct.org

City Youth Theater/City Stage Company presents a dynamic mix of performances showcasing iconic Broadway hits and hidden gems that highlight the talent and legacy of Black voices throughout history. Tickets: \$29

STORYTIME: RADIANT CHILD, BASQUIAT

Saturday, February 10, 11 a.m.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main Street

(203) 753-0381 mattatuckmuseum.org

Visit the museum for a reading of *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe. Tickets: Included with admission.

WATERBURY HALL OF FAME COMMEMORATION

Saturday, February 10, 12 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

The NAACP Greater Waterbury Branch will host a special commemoration of the Waterbury Hall of Fame .

BLACK HISTORY IN CONNECTICUT

Saturday, February 10, 1:30 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

Take a virtual tour of items from the Connecticut Museum of Culture & History representing a spectrum of the Black experience in Connecticut.

BERKELEY KNIGHTS DRILL INTRO

Saturday, February 10, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greater Waterbury YMCA, 136 West Street

(203)-754-9622 waterburymca.org

Get ready to move and groove with the beat, as we step into the vibrant world of step dancing with two-time National Champions, the Berkeley Knights.

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MAYOR FOR THE DAY CEREMONY

Wednesday, February 14, 10 a.m.

Snow Date: February 21

City Hall, 235 Grand Street

Waterbury's Black Mayor for the Day will be honored with a ceremony at City Hall.

BECOMING FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m.

Snow Date: Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

Come to the library for an inspiring documentary about the life of Frederick Douglass, one of the most influential voices for freedom and democracy in American History.

WOMEN TRAILBLAZERS IN WATERBURY LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Black Women United Waterbury, 551 Wolcott Street

(203) 296-0451 / (203) 592-5142

Black Women United Waterbury celebrates five dynamic Waterbury women with a special luncheon. Tickets: \$20

CONVERSATIONS: A CONCERT WITH NEO-SOUL SINGER TEEKAY

Saturday, February 17, 1 p.m.

Snow Date: Saturday, February 24, 1 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

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Celebrate Black History Month with a concert by TeeKay, a neo-soul singer-songwriter and producer from Waterbury, who will be performing with keyboardist Gregory Hunte and vocalist Trayvone Rush.

HISTORY & HOPS: BLACK HISTORY IN CONNECTICUT

Saturday, February 17, 2 -3 p.m.

Mattatuck Museum program at Brass Works Brewing Co., 2066 Thomaston Avenue

(203) 753-0381 mattatuckmuseum.org

Join The MATT at Brass Works Brewing Co. for a special afternoon learning about Black History in Connecticut. Presented by the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History. Tickets: \$10

GALLERY OF HEROES

Monday, February 19, 1 - 4 p.m.

North End Recreation Center., 268 North Main Street

Friends of the North End Rec & Waterbury Pride NAACP Youth Council present the 2nd Annual "People Like Us" Community Fair and commemorate the African-Americans who shaped history and are shaping the future in Waterbury.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 24, 1 p.m.

Afro Caribbean Cultural Center., 174 Grand Street

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Bring the kids for book readings, giveaways, food and fun. The first 20 families to register and attend will receive copies of *Plátanos are Love* and *The ABC's of Black History*.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street

(203) 574-8225 bronsonlibrary.org

The library will host a trivia night celebrating Black History Month.

WATERBURY BLACK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

New! The Waterbury Black Community Calendar is a central hub for finding out about performances, classes, fundraisers, and community events celebrating Black history and culture in Waterbury.

Visit the website at

waterburyblackcommunitycalendar.org